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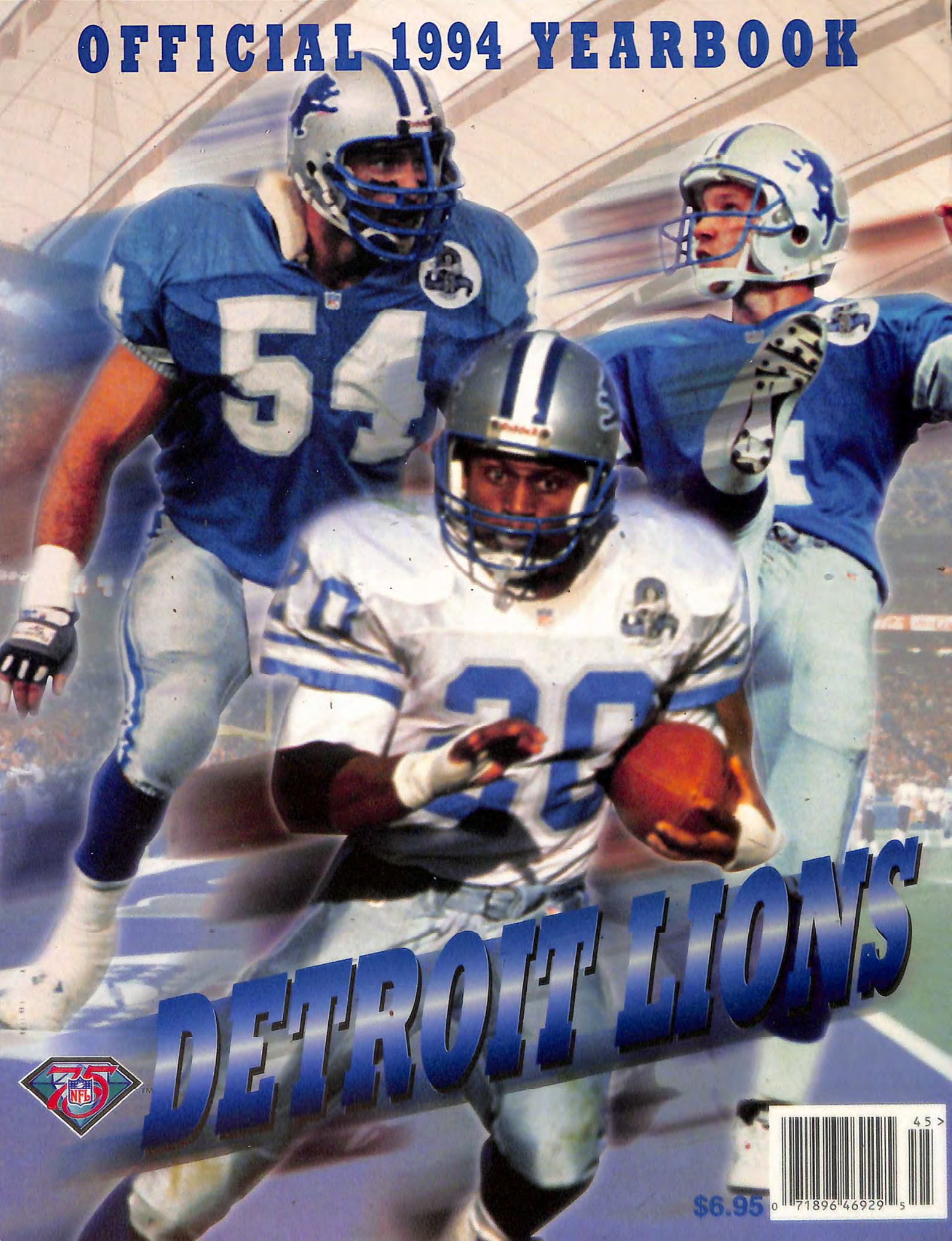

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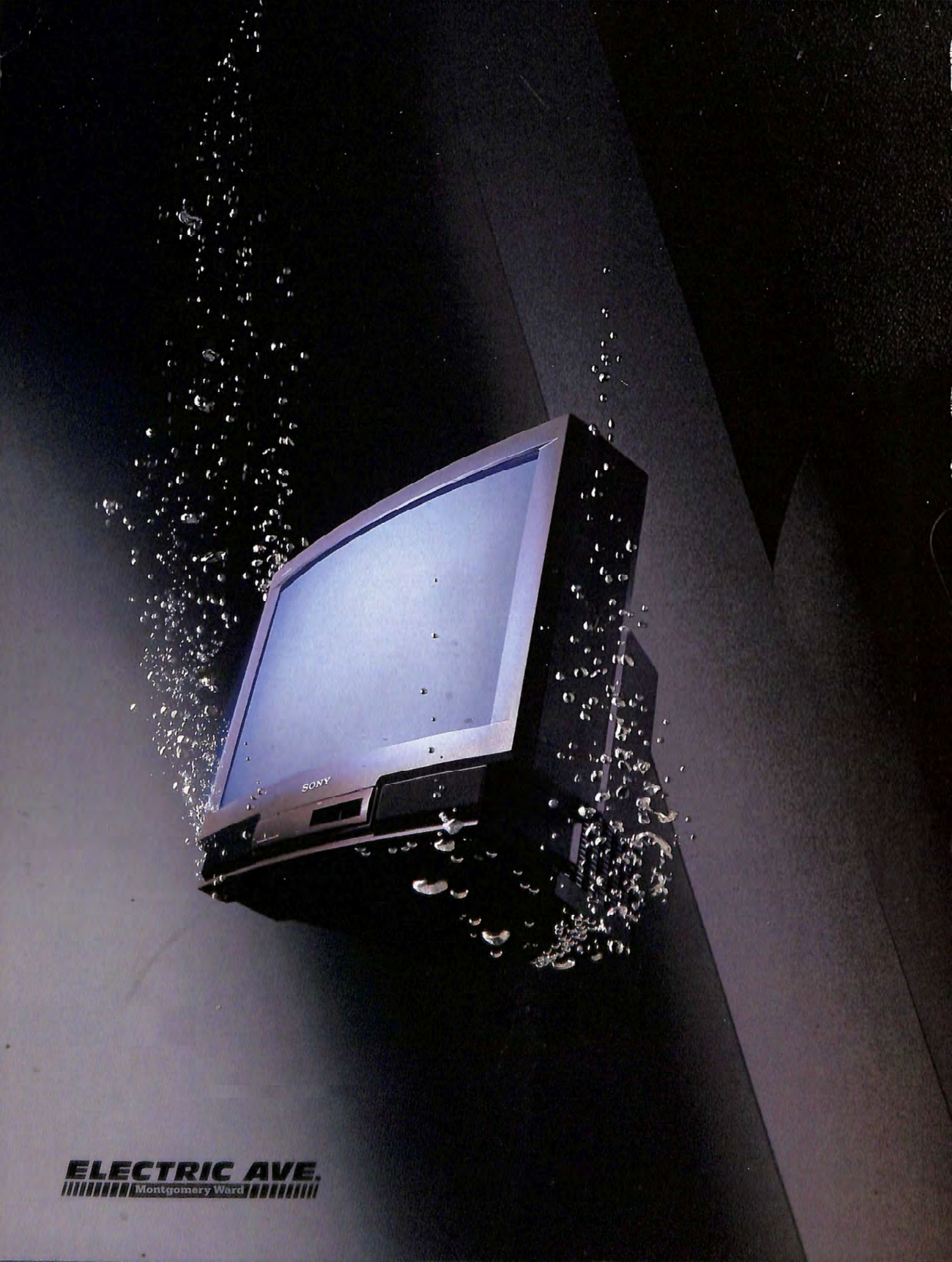

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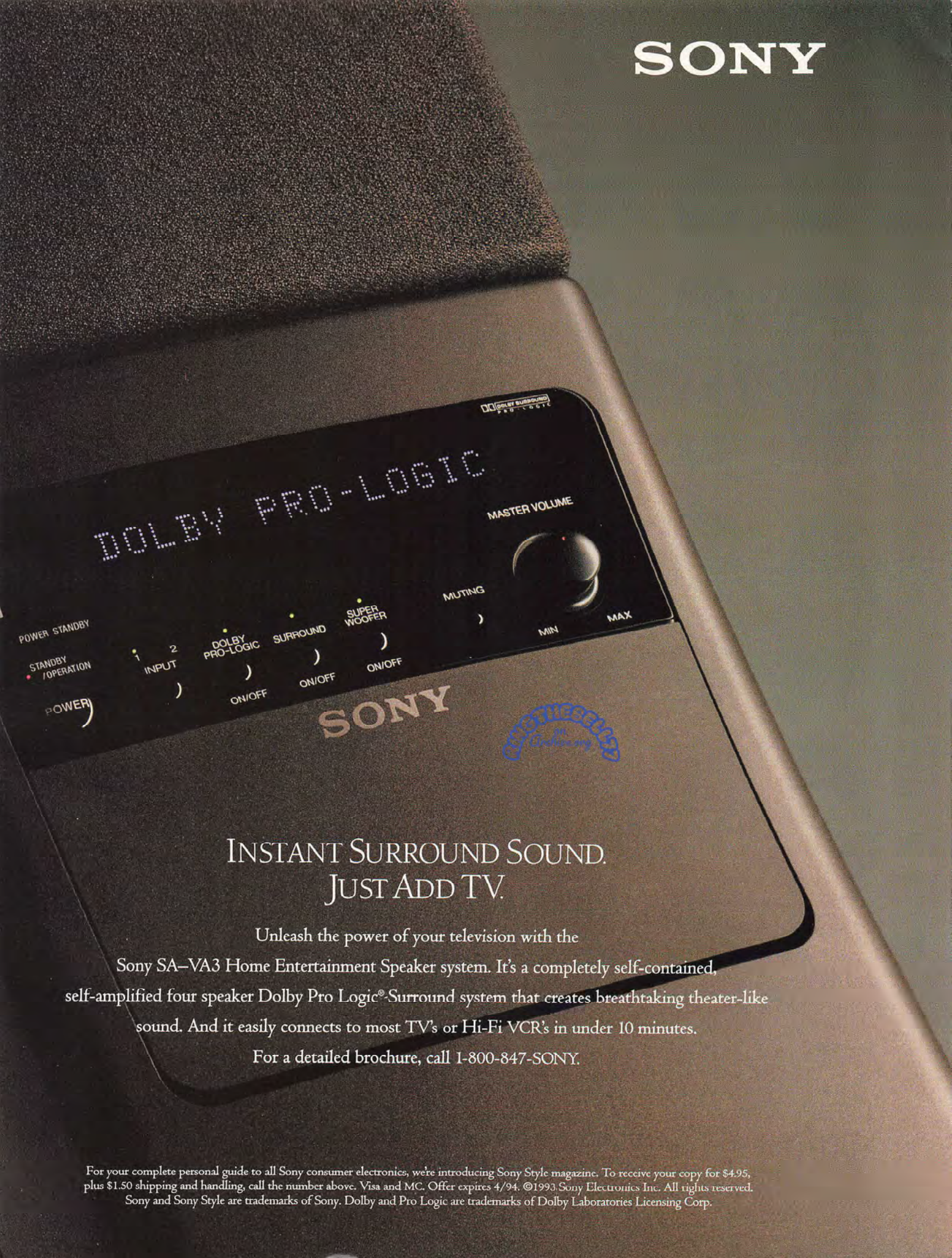

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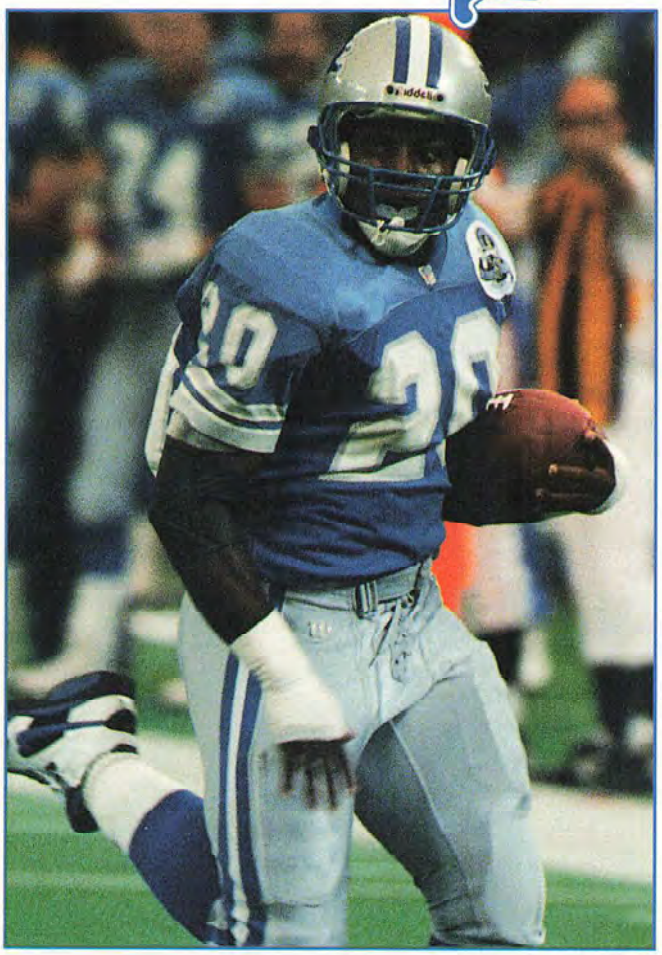

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LIONS

William Clay Ford
OWNER AND PRESIDENT

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To be successful in any endeavor, whether it be fielding the best possible football team or building the best possible car, one has to take full advantage of the latest innovations. No one knows that better than Lions' Owner and President William Clay Ford, who has experienced success with his National Football League club and in his life-long affiliation with the Ford Motor Company.

The latest innovation in the NFL is the new system of unrestricted free agency. Mr. Ford has always shown a burning passion for winning, and the new free agency system stoked those fires even more, as evidenced by the Lions' fervent efforts to improve during the first two years of free agency.

Mr. Ford's ongoing commitment to winning was re-focused and intensified as the Lions relentlessly pursued free agents and other avenues to improve the Lions' football team. The Lions' aggressiveness in the new marketplace, a direct result of Mr. Ford's determination, has placed the team on the inside track during the initial stages of this new era.

Evidence of Mr. Ford's eagerness to build on the team's recent success is illustrated in the signing of quarterback Scott Mitchell — the top-rated free agent QB available in 1994. The Lions hope Mitchell will provide stability to the passing game while Detroit plugged holes and added depth to key positions with the signing of free agents Anthony Carter (wide receiver), Ron Hall (tight end), Mike Johnson (linebacker), Robert Massey (cornerback), Greg Montgomery (punter), and Doug Widell (offensive guard).

"I don't know what the future is going to hold," Ford said in reference to free agency, "but we will continue to look for opportunities and take advantage of them."

On the heels of winning their second Central Division title in three years, Mr. Ford is eager to see his team make the next move.

"While we were pleased to have won the NFC Central Division Championship, it's time to move to the next level. And I expect that to happen," Ford said. "If we can be satisfied with just winning our division every couple years, then we are cheating ourselves, and more importantly, cheating our fans."

For three decades, he has guided the Detroit Lions organization with a sense of stability, integrity and honest leadership. If you know Mr. Ford, you understand that the owner and president of the Lions is, in the truest sense of the word, a gentleman.

Known as Bill Ford to his friends and business associates, his relationship with the Lions began during his childhood when his father, Edsel Ford, took him to the University of Detroit Stadium to see the first Lions' team play in their maiden season in the Motor City in 1934.

He became a club director in 1956 and was asked by then-Lions' President Edwin J. (Andy) Anderson to become the Lions' president in 1961.

In November of 1963, Mr. Ford purchased the team outright for $4.5 million and officially took over the club January 10, 1964.

Of course, Mr. Ford's other passion in life is the automobile industry, he being a grandson of inventor and auto pioneer Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company.

Although he retired from his post as Ford Motor Company Vice-Chairman in March of 1989, Mr. Ford remains a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Finance Committee. He has been a board member since 1948 and was chairman of the company's Design Committee since its inception in 1957 until retirement in 1989.

Last year, Mr. Ford was lured out of retirement, as the motor company is once

again utilizing his expertise in design on a special assignment as a consultant in the design studio. He is currently focusing his efforts on the Jaguar.

During his career with the company, Mr. Ford gained special satisfaction and acclaim as the executive in charge of the design, development and subsequent introduction of the Continental Mark II, the successor to the classic Lincoln Continental that had been developed and introduced by his father Edsel in 1939.

The youngest of Edsel's four children, William Clay Ford was born March 14, 1925. Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Naval Air Corps, he enrolled at Yale, where he captained both the tennis and soccer teams at the Ivy League school. In fact, he was a nationally ranked tennis player until two Achilles tendon surgeries relegated him to the sidelines. (Mr. Ford's athletic participation today includes some tennis, although he prefers golf, a game in which he became nearly a scratch performer.)

He graduated from Yale with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and then joined Ford's sales and advertising staff. He later served on the industrial relations staff where he was a member of the committee that negotiated the historic 1949 contract with the UAW-CIO.

He helped orchestrate a major change in Lions' history when he moved the team in 1975 from the downtown-located Tiger Stadium to metropolitan Pontiac and the sparkling, 80,000-plus seat Pontiac Silverdome, which remains the world's largest (based on seating capacity) indoor athletic facility.

Mr. Ford also is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Edison Institute, which operates Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. He is a trustee of the Eisenhower Medical Center, and serves as a director or a trustee for the Boys' Club of America, the National Tennis Hall of Fame, the United Way of Southeastern Michigan, and the Economic Club of Detroit.

His more recent appointments include being named as a trustee for the Michigan Heart Association and to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. He received an honorary doctor of science degree from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California, in 1981.

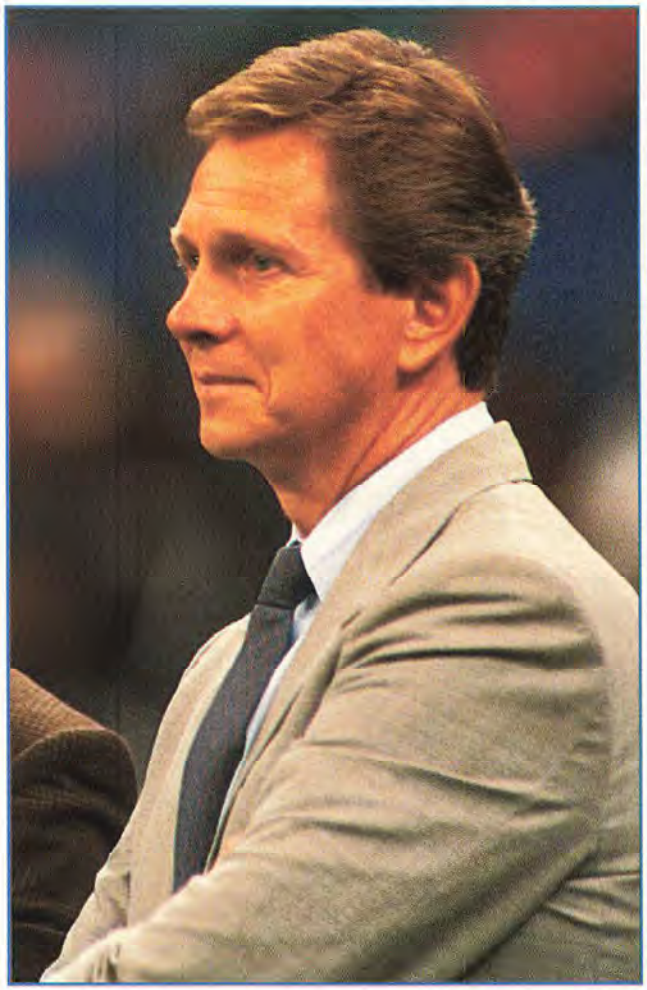
He is married to the former Martha Firestone of Akron, Ohio, and they are the parents of three daughters — Martha, Sheila and Elizabeth — and a son, Bill, Jr., who serves the Lions as club treasurer.

William Clay Ford with linebacker Chris Spielman.

LIONS

Chuck Schmidt
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

As the National Football League continues to transform during the early stages of free agency, the unwavering presence of Chuck Schmidt has provided the Lions with stability and continuity in the midst of an unsettling period. The Lions' Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer has positioned Detroit as an active "player" in the new system through his vision and planning during the first two years of unrestricted free agency.



Following a second NFC Central Division title in three years, the Lions have become perennial playoff contenders, but the Lions are not content with just making the playoffs, and Schmidt knew changes had to be made. With that in mind, he focused his attention on acquisitions that would help Detroit take their game to the next level.

The Lions pursued and lured Scott Mitchell, the top quarterback available via free agency in 1994. In addition, the signing of wide receiver Anthony Carter, tight end Ron Hall, linebacker Mike Johnson, cornerback Robert Massey, punter Greg Montgomery and offensive guard Doug Widell offset the loss of veteran performers as well as adding impact players to the Lions' roster.

Detroit's ability to sign these players can be attributed to Schmidt's ability to manage the Lions' payroll under the salary cap. The groundwork was put into place in the latter stages of 1993 when he re-signed several Lion veterans prior to the salary cap taking effect.

Schmidt, 47, assumed his current duties on December 27, 1989, when he succeeded Russ Thomas as the organization's top officer. In his first year at the helm, he hired a new Director of Player Personnel in Ron Hughes.

Schmidt later reorganized the front office staff to reflect the club's increased emphasis in the areas of marketing, promotions, and community and media relations.

Now in his 19th year with the Lions, Schmidt has performed a variety of duties during his tenure, providing the Detroit native with a keen and unique insight into the overall operation of the organization. He has been with the Lions since 1976 when he joined the club as a CPA. He soon thereafter was promoted to the team's controller. In 1987, Schmidt was named to the position of Vice-President for Finance.

Under Schmidt's direction in 1990, the club established Detroit Lions Charities, a non-profit organization which assists various charitable and worthwhile causes in Michigan. The University of Michigan and Wayne State University graduate serves on the board of directors for the program and is Secretary-Treasurer. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Detroit Tigers' Manager Sparky Anderson's CATCH charity; the board of the Pontiac Development Foundation, which is an organization established to enhance economic progress in the Pontiac area; and the Board of Trustees for the Henry Ford Medical Group, the Oakland Region.

Born on January 22, 1947, Schmidt and his wife Sharon reside in Oakland County with their three children, Scott, Krista and Matt.

William Clay Ford, Jr.
TREASURER

One of the fastest-rising executives of the Ford Motor Company doubles as the treasurer of the Detroit Lions — William Clay Ford, Jr. This past spring, the 37-year old Ford was named Vice President of the Commercial Truck Vehicle Center, becoming the company's youngest vice president in nearly 30 years. Prior to assuming his current responsibilities, he was General Manager of the Climate Control Division.

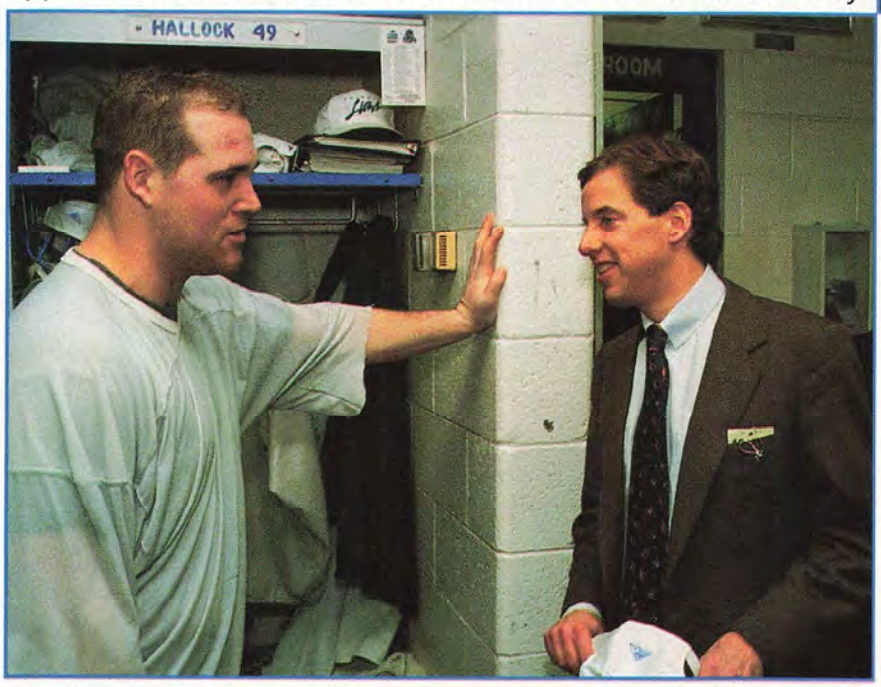
In 1990, Mr. Ford was appointed Director of Business Strategy for the Ford Automotive Group and later that same year he was promoted to Executive Director. Previously, he was the manager of Ford Heavy Truck Engineering and Manufacturing after a three-year assignment in Europe. He was elected to Ford Motor Company's Board of Directors on January 14, 1988.

Mr. Ford, son of Lions' Owner and President William Clay Ford, joined the company in 1979 as a product planning analyst in Advanced Vehicles Development. He later moved to Automotive Assembly Division and worked on the 1981 launch of the Escort and Lynx. Additionally, he was a zone manager for district sales in the New York-New Jersey area before he was appointed as a member of Ford's national bargaining team for negotiations with the UAW in 1982.

After a stint as a Ford Division advertising specialist, the Princeton University graduate began a 12-month course of study as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a master's degree in management. Subsequent moves at Ford came in 1984 when he served as an international finance specialist and, in 1985, when he became a Car Product Development planning manager.

His tenure in Europe began in 1986 when Mr. Ford was appointed director of Commercial Vehicle Marketing for Ford of Europe and, in 1987, he moved his family to Zurich to become chairman and managing director of Ford Switzerland.

Mr. Ford is a member of the boards of trustees of the Edison Institute (Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village), Henry Ford Health System, the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He also is a Commissioner for the Greeting of Detroit.

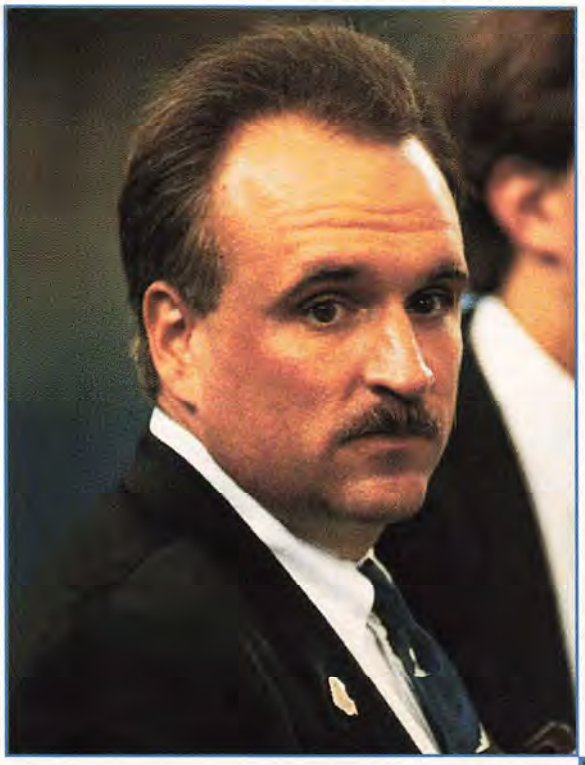


William Clay Ford, Jr. with tight end Ty Hallock.

LIONS

Bill Keenist
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

When Chuck Schmidt began his quest this past offseason to fill the Lions' vice president vacancy, it quickly became apparent that there was no need for the search to leave the confines of the Silverdome. Schmidt appointed Bill Keenist, a fixture in the Lions' front office for the last ten years, as Detroit's Vice President for Administration and Communications. Keenist will assist Schmidt with the team's administrative matters and will coordinate all local broadcasting concerns.



Keenist, 35, has been with the Lions since 1985 when he was hired as assistant public relations director. In 1987 he was named director of public relations, a position he held until his appointment as Director of Marketing, Broadcasting and Communications in 1991.

Prior to joining the Lions, Keenist worked for the Washington Redskins from 1981-83 as a public relations assistant and Director of Promotions. He was a member of the Redskins when the team won Super Bowl XVII in 1983 over Miami.

Keenist left the Redskins to become P.R. Director of the Pittsburgh Maulers of the United States Football League. After the Maulers, Keenist was the Sports P.R. Director for the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, where he worked primarily with the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team.

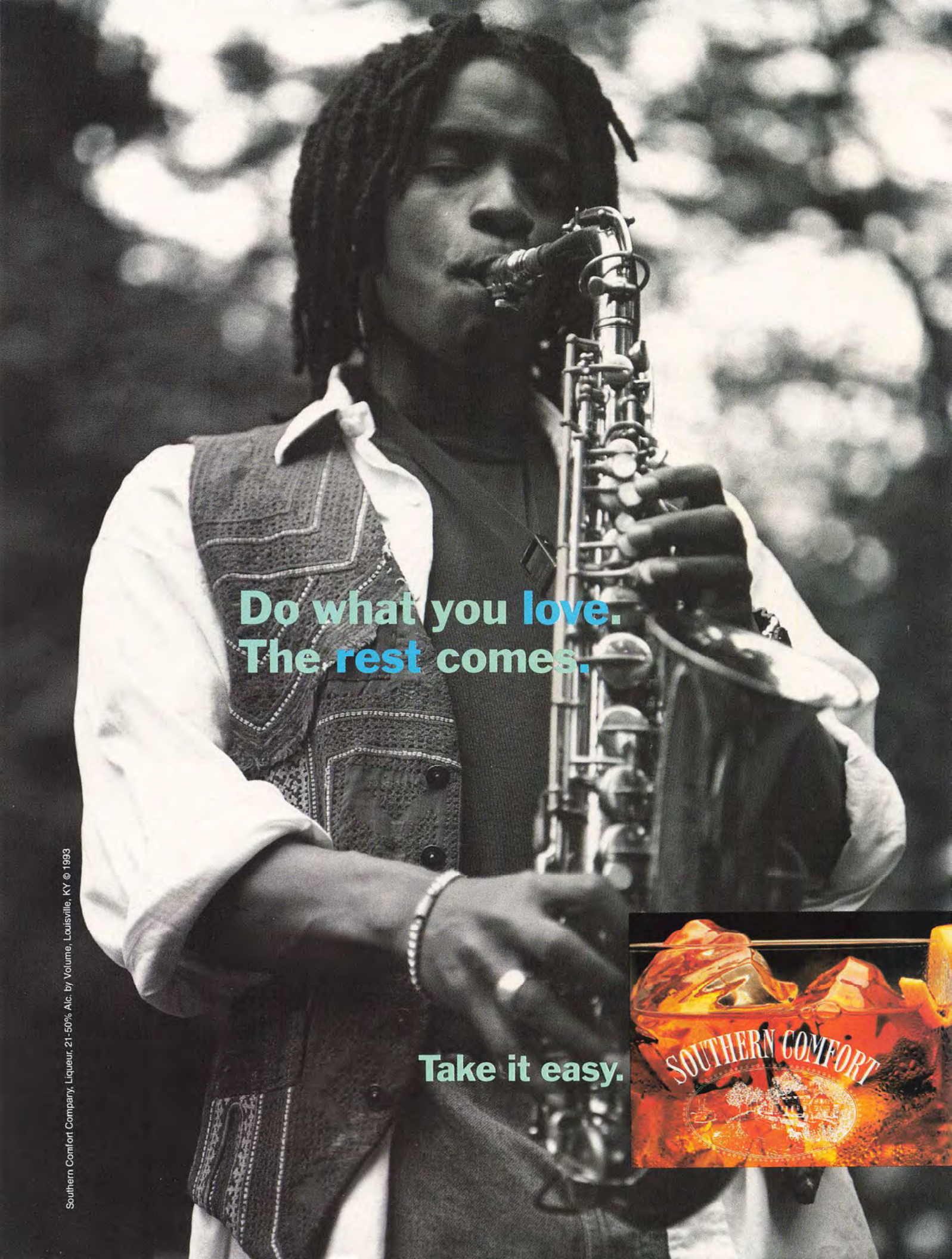
Keenist's talents have been recognized around the NFL. For the past five Super Bowls he had the honor of being selected the public relations co-captain, which involves the coordination of all media-related activities at the Super Bowl.

He also served as the P.R. Chairman of the NFC Central Division and Chairman of the Public Relations Special Projects Committee.

A native of Elizabeth, Pa., Keenist holds a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University, he also received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University. He served a graduate internship at Duke University where he worked in the athletic department.

He lives in Oxford with his wife Cindy and their three children, sons Billy and Christopher and a recent addition to the family, daughter Lindsay.

Bill Keenist and William Clay Ford, Jr.



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The Detroit Lions expanded its community efforts in June, 1990, with the establishment of Detroit Lions Charities (DLC), a non-profit organization founded by the Lions to assist charitable and worthwhile causes in Michigan. The Lions, with corporate assistance, have raised more than $367,000 for charity since the 1990 season. Grants totaling over $110,000 were awarded to 85 Michigan charities in March, 1994.

"The Detroit Lions have long had an organization-wide commitment to helping our community," said Lions' Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Chuck Schmidt. "The club has made an even greater commitment with the establishment of Detroit Lions Charities. The Lions will identify and, with support from our corporate friends, help fund specific programs that we feel best benefit Michigan's needs."

Funding for Detroit Lions Charities comes from several sources including proceeds from the Detroit Lions Invitational, a golf outing held in May at Great Oaks Country Club in nearby Rochester. Funds also were raised through "Lions Live," a sports memorabilia and autograph fun-fair. Principal financial support comes from the "Northwest Airlines Flies for Detroit Lions Charities" program. Northwest Airlines donates $100 for every point the Lions score to DLC.

DLC assists a wide variety of activities and programs that benefit education, civic affairs and health and human services in Michigan. Requests for funding will be accepted from October 1 through December 31, 1994. Grant applications will be reviewed early in the new year with recipients being announced in March, 1995, and awarded shortly thereafter.

Specific grant eligibility guidelines and application procedures are available by writing:

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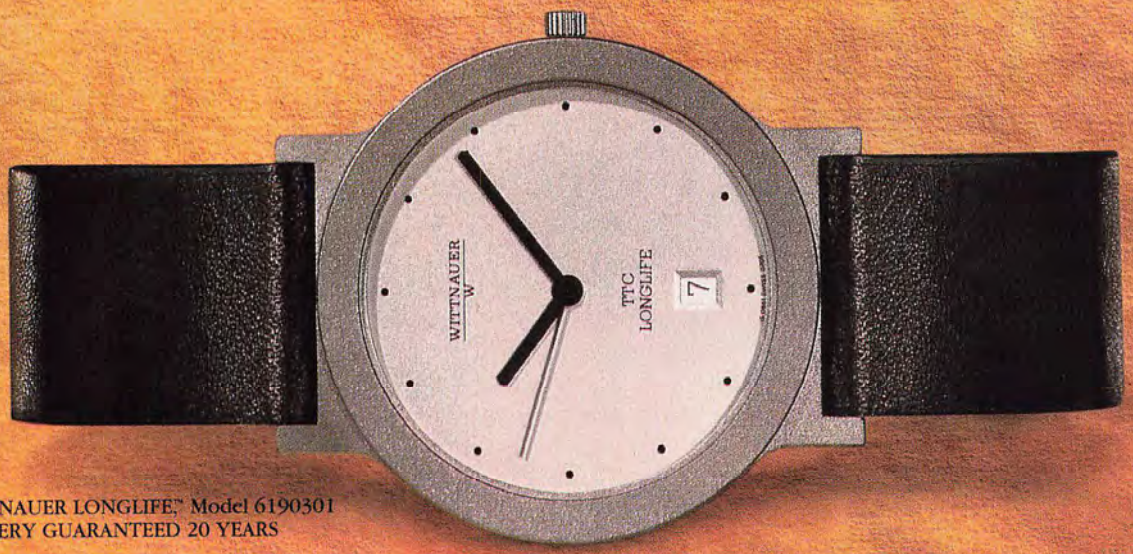

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Wayne Fontes
HEAD COACH

WAYNE FONTES

10th full year with Lions
6th full year as Head Coach
19th year in NFL

When Wayne Fontes officially was named the 17th head coach in Detroit Lions' history on December 22, 1988, he promised that his team would put excitement back into the Pontiac Silverdome and that his Lions would "Restore the Roar."

Fontes was true to his word in 1991 as the Lions compiled a 12-4 record in just his third season. The 12 victories were the most regular season wins in franchise history. Fontes directed the Lions to their first playoff berth since 1983 and the first home playoff game for Detroit since 1957.

After struggling to a 5-11 mark in 1992, the Lions roared back into the playoff picture in 1993, claiming their second division championship in three years and earning a first-round home contest. With 10 victories in 1993 (just the seventh time Detroit has reached double-figures), Fontes has moved into third place on the club's all-time wins list. In fact, the 27 regular-season wins since 1991 are Detroit's most over any three-year span since the storied championship teams of 1952-53-54 totaled 28 victories.

With Fontes at the helm, the Lions are prepared to build on the team's recent success and take the next step in 1994. His appeal and reputation as a players' coach has made him a popular figure in the Lions' lockerroom and this has attracted numerous free agents from around the league, including the top free agent quarterback on the market in 1994 — Scott Mitchell.

Under Fontes' leadership, the Lions overcame adversity and tragedy in 1991 to reach the playoffs. Despite the loss of five starters to injury — including guard Mike Utley's spinal cord trauma — Fontes guided the Lions to a Central Division title and the NFC Championship Game, replacing proven starters with promising athletes, refining the defense and redefining the offense. It is little wonder that Fontes earned universal praise as the NFL's Coach-of-the-Year, including honors from the AP, UPI, Pro Football Writers Association, Football News, and Pro Football Weekly. Fontes was also honored by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia and the Touchdown Club of Columbus (Paul Brown Award). He capped the season with a 21-15 victory as the NFC's head coach in the 1992 Pro Bowl.

The league's second-toughest schedule, injuries and the tragic deaths of guard Eric Andolsek and Len Fontes, Detroit's secondary coach and Wayne's brother, took a toll on the 1992 Lions. But Wayne Fontes kept the nucleus of the '91 title team intact, and with the addition of veteran offensive linemen, Pro Bowl linebacker Pat Swilling, and an attacking defense, Fontes had the Lions geared for success in 1993.

Fontes did not turn the Lions into winners overnight. The framework for success was built in Fontes' first two full seasons as head coach.

In his first full season, the Lions ended the season as the NFL's hottest team with five straight victories; scored their most points since the 1983 NFC Central Division Championship season; sent four players to the Pro Bowl for the first time since 1972; and featured NFL "Rookie of the Year" and NFC rushing champion Barry Sanders. Behind Fontes, the Lions made even greater improvement in 1990; the team tallied 373 points, the second-best output in club history; Sanders earned All-Pro honors while becoming the second player in Lions history to capture the NFL rushing title; Detroit sent five players to the Pro Bowl, the most representatives for the club in 18 seasons; fan enthusiasm and support reached an eight-year high as Silverdome attendance skyrocketed 32 percent from the previous season and 75 percent over 1988. He was named the Lions' head coach after serving five weeks as interim head coach at the close of the 1988 season. He coached Detroit to a 2-3 record during that span.

Fontes was born Feb. 17, 1939, in New Bedford, Mass., and lived there until he was 15 when he moved to Canton, Ohio, where his father worked in a steel mill. An exceptional schoolboy athlete at Canton's McKinley High School, he matriculated to Michi-

gan State where he was a two-sport (football and baseball) star and earned All-Big Ten honors as a defensive back. He was selected to play in the North-South and Senior Bowl All-Star games in 1962 before being drafted by the New York Jets where he started in the defensive backfield. His brief pro career (1962) was cut short by a broken leg. However, his 83-yard interception return against Houston (12-15-62) stood as a Jets' record until it was broken in 1989 by Erik McMillan's 93-yarder.

His first coaching job was directing the freshman team at Michigan State in 1965, while he was working on his masters degree in administration (which he later earned). He coached at Visitation High School in Bay City, Mich., in 1966-67, winning the Michigan Class B state championship in 1967 with a team that went 10-0. He then moved on to the college level and was defensive backfield coach at Dayton (1968), Iowa (1969-71) and Southern California (1972-75). It was at the latter stop Fontes began a 13-year association with John McKay, who brought Fontes with him when McKay was named the head coach of the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976.

Fontes spent nine years with the Bucs and advanced from secondary coach to defensive coordinator to assistant head coach under McKay. In his first year as the Bucs' defensive coordinator (1982) Tampa Bay led the NFC in defense. He left the Bucs in 1985 to become the Lions' defensive coordinator. Under Fontes the Lions switched to a new 3-4 defensive alignment and the defense showed continued improvement.

Off the field, Fontes has been extremely active in charitable causes. Gifted with a quick smile and keen sense of humor, Fontes is often seen at community and charity events lending a helping hand. Fontes has taken an active role in many charitable causes, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, C.A.T.C.H., Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, D.A.R.E., the Whaley Children Center, the National Paralysis Foundation, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and the Mike Utley Foundation.

Active on the banquet circuit, he has served as Chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Great American Lockup. He has also served as Chairman of a program to raise $1 million for the expansion of Camp Fowler, a Mayville, Mich., camp for disabled children. Fontes was the guest of honor at a "Wayne Roast" dinner which benefited the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. In 1992, Fontes was honored as a "Michiganian of the Year" by the Detroit News. Fontes also has participated in numerous charity golf outings and has been a chairman the past three years of the Detroit Lions Charities' annual golf tournament which benefits numerous causes throughout southeast Michigan. In addition, Fontes serves as chairman for the St. Jude Golf Classic.

Fontes and his wife Evelyn (who met at a high school sock hop in Canton) have three children (Mike, Scott and Kim) and reside in nearby Rochester Hills.

FONTES' COACHING RECORD

REGULAR SEASON

Year	W	L	T	Pct.	Result
1988	2	3	0	.400	Interim coach final 5 games
1989	7	9	0	.438	3rd, NFC Central
1990	6	10	0	.375	3rd, NFC Central
1991	12	4	0	.750	NFC Central Champion
1992	5	11	0	.313	5th, NFC Central
1993	10	6	0	.625	NFC Central Champion
Total	**42**	**43**	**0**	**.494**	**Two Division Titles**

PLAYOFFS

Year	W	L	T	Pct.	Result
1991	1	1	0	.500	Def. Dallas, Lost at Wash.
1993	0	1	0	.000	Lost vs. Packers
Total	**1**	**2**	**0**	**.500**	**One NFC Championship Game**

OVERALL RECORD

	W	L	T	Pct.	Result
Season	42	43	0	.494	5th Lions coach to win 40+
Playoff	1	2	0	.333	First-ever NFC title game
Totals	**43**	**45**	**0**	**.486**	**3rd on Detroit wins list**

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4th Year in the NFL

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Special Teams
1st Year with Lions
13th Year in the NFL

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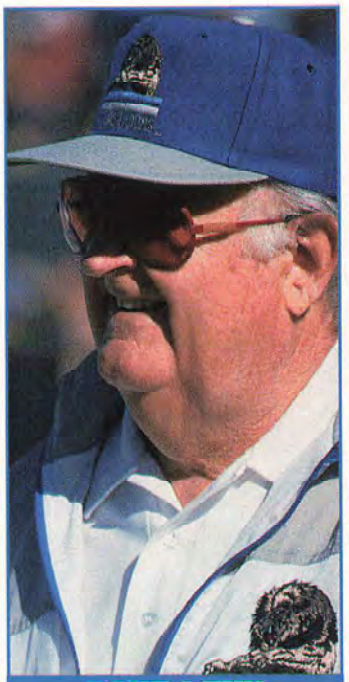
5th Year with Lions
15th Year in the NFL

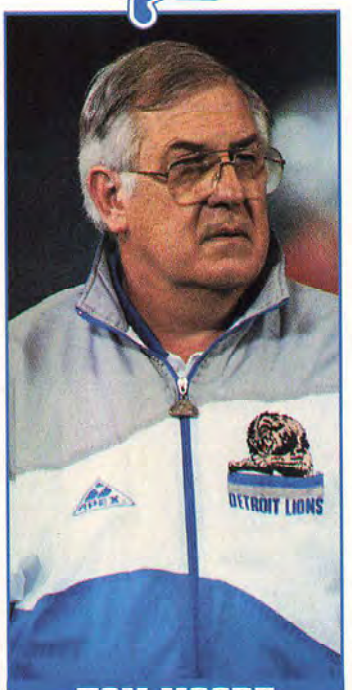


DAVE LEVY

Assistant Head Coach
6th Year with Lions
15th Year in the NFL

BILLIE MATTHEWS

Running Backs
6th Year with Lions
16th Year in the NFL

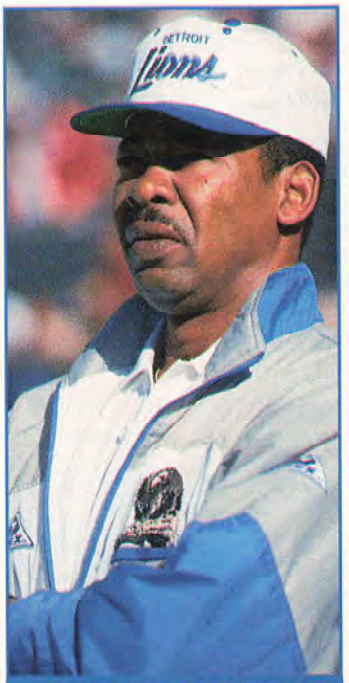


TOM MOORE

Quarterbacks
1st Year with Lions
18th Year in the NFL

HERB PATERRA

Defensive Coordinator
6th Year with Lions
14th Year in the NFL



CHARLIE SANDERS

Receivers
6th Year with Lions
6th Year in the NFL

HOWARD TIPPETT

Linebackers
1st Year with Lions
13th Year in the NFL

LIONS Player Personnel DEPARTMENT

RON HUGHES
Director of
Player Personnel

In the rapidly changing world of professional football, teams are relying more on their player personnel departments than ever before. Unrestricted free agency has placed an increased emphasis on pro scouting while college scouting continues to provide the building blocks for future success. With these developments, the Lions are fortunate to have Ron Hughes heading their scouting department.

Hughes was promoted to Director of Player Personnel in June, 1990, after having worked in the department since 1983. For two years he served as the Lions' Director of Pro Scouting prior to being named to his current position.

In his most recent position with the Lions, Hughes primarily was responsible for the advance scouting reports of the Lions' opponents during the football season. He also scouted the top 100 college prospects each year. In his role as Director of Player Personnel, Hughes coordinates and supervises all of the Lions' college and pro scouting efforts.

Hughes is a 1965 graduate of California State College of Pennsylvania. He returned to his native Pittsburgh and coached for 14 years on the high school level, including five seasons as head coach of North Catholic High School.

In 1979, Hughes joined BLESTO, a National Football League scouting combine where he spent four seasons scouting eastern colleges. He spent his first two years (1983-84) with the Lions as a college scout, before moving to pro scouting in 1985.

The 51-year-old Hughes and his wife Adrianne have three children (Ted, Scott and Jennifer) and reside in Lathrup Village, Mich.

KEVIN COLBERT
Director of Pro Scouting

As the "right hand man" to Ron Hughes, Kevin Colbert is instrumental in the overall productivity of Detroit's player personnel department. Colbert, the Lions' Director of Pro Scouting, is responsible for the advance scouting of the Lions' opponents during the football season and he plays an important role in Detroit's draft preparation.

With the promotion of Hughes to Director of Player Personnel, Colbert was hired by the Lions (June 1990) to fill the vacant Director of Pro Scouting spot. Colbert spent five seasons (1985-89) as a college scout for the Miami Dolphins where he concentrated on college athletes from Illinois to Alabama and eastern United States. Prior to joining the Miami staff, he served one season (1984) with the BLESTO scouting service.

The 37-year-old Colbert is an experienced coach in three sports. He was the backfield coach and recruiting coordinator at Ohio Wesleyan University for three years (1981-83). In '84, he also aided Ohio Wesleyan as its head baseball coach.

From 1979-81, he served as a graduate assistant basketball coach and baseball coach at Robert Morris College, where he pursued a master's degree in sports management. Before attending grad school, Colbert spent three months as an intern in the ticket office of the NBA Detroit Pistons. He received an undergraduate degree in sports management from Robert Morris in 1979.

Kevin and his wife Janis have three children (Kacie, Jennifer and Daniel) and reside in Clarkston, Mich.

DETROIT LIONS SCOUTS

MILT DAVIS
Part-time Scout

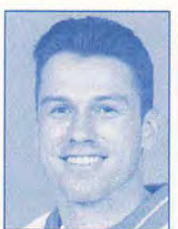
DIRK DIERKING
Area Scout

THOMAS DIMITROFF
Area Scout
(BLESTO)

ALLEN HUGHES
Part-time Scout

SCOTT McEWEN
Area Scout

JIM OWENS
Area Scout



RICK SPIELMAN
Area Scout

JOHN TRUMP
Part-time Scout

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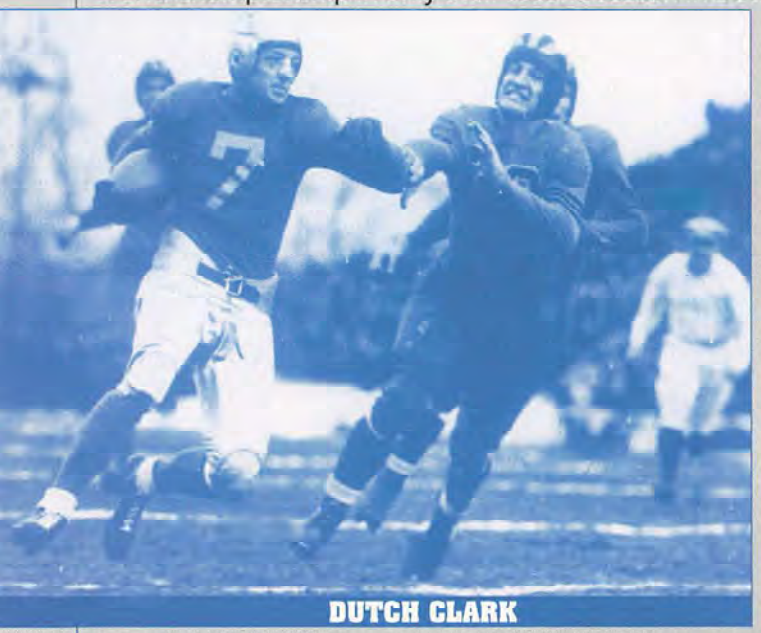
LIONS 10 Playoff SEASONS

1935 Results: 7-3-2 (1st)

George "Potsy" Clark, Coach

The Lions battled back from an inauspicious start in 1935 to claim the World Championship in only their second season in Detroit. Entrenched in last place in the Western Division with a 4-3-1 record and trailing the division-leading Green Bay Packers by 1 1/2 games, Head Coach George "Potsy" Clark's team rallied to win three and tie one of the final four contests to earn a spot in the championship game against the New York Giants. Hall of Fame back Earl "Dutch" Clark, the NFL's leading scorer in 1935 (55 points), sparked the Lions' offense during the final stretch, scoring all of Detroit's points in a crucial 14-2 Thanksgiving Day victory over the Chicago Bears. The Lions' 26-7 win over the Giants helped earn Detroit recognition as the "City of Champions," joining the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings as champions in their respective leagues.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/20	PHILADELPHIA	W	35-0
9/29	CARDINALS	T	10-10
10/6	at Brooklyn	L	10-12
10/13	at Boston	W	17-7
10/20	at Green Bay (M)	L	9-13
10/30	BOSTON	W	14-0
11/3	at Cardinals	W	7-6
11/10	at Green Bay	L	7-31
11/17	GREEN BAY	W	20-10
11/24	at Chicago	T	20-20
11/28	CHICAGO	W	14-2
12/1	BROOKLYN	W	28-0
World Championship			
12/15	NEW YORK	W	26-7



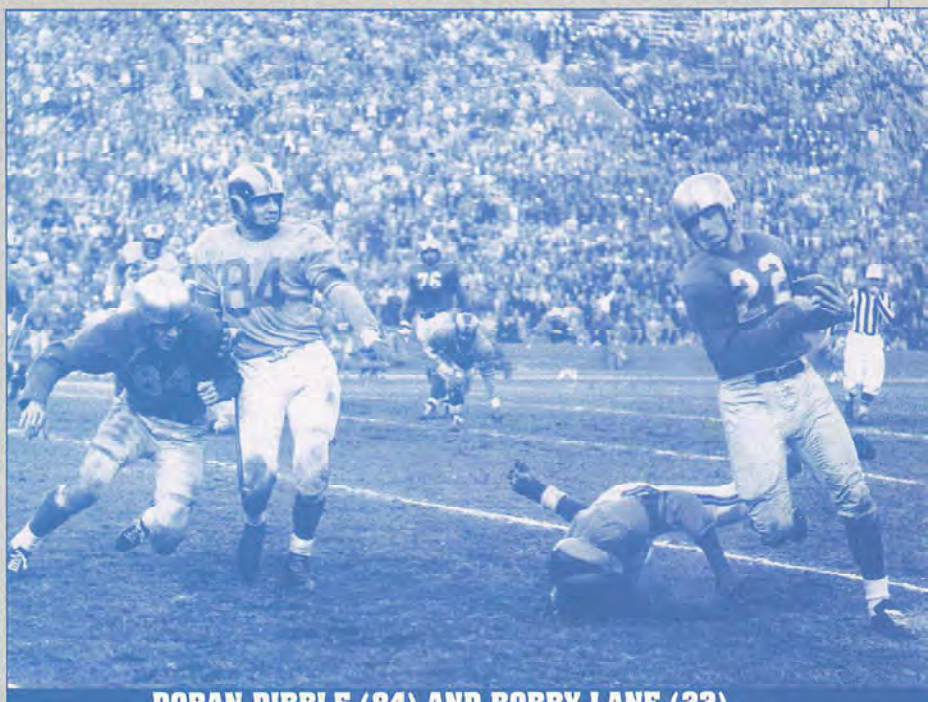
DUTCH CLARK

1952 Results: 9-3-0 (1st)

Raymond "Buddy" Parker, Coach

Detroit boasted a high-powered offense in 1952 that scored 41 points or more five times, including a Lions' regular-season record 52 points against the Green Bay Packers. This offensive explosion vaulted Detroit to a 9-3 record and a share of the Western Division crown with the Los Angeles Rams. Detroit's field general was Hall of Fame quarterback Bobby Layne, who tossed 19 touchdowns in 1952, while wide receiver Cloyce Box snared a team-record 15 TD's. Winners of eight of their final nine games, the Lions met the Rams in a playoff contest where running back Pat Harder established an NFL playoff-record with 19 points in Detroit's 31-21 victory. The Lions' 17-7 win over the Cleveland Browns in the championship game initiated one of the more fierce rivalries in the NFL during the 1950's.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/28	at San Francisco	L	3-17
10/3	at Los Angeles	W	17-14
10/12	SAN FRANCISCO	L	0-28
10/19	LOS ANGELES	W	24-18
10/26	at Green Bay	W	52-17
11/2	CLEVELAND	W	17-6
11/9	at Pittsburgh	W	31-6
11/16	DALLAS	W	43-13
11/23	at Chicago	L	23-24
11/27	GREEN BAY	W	48-24
12/7	CHICAGO	W	45-21
12/13	at Dallas	W	41-6
Playoff			
12/21	LOS ANGELES	W	31-21
World Championship			
12/28	at Cleveland	W	17-7



DORAN DIBBLE (84) AND BOBBY LANE (22)

1953 Results: 10-2-0 (1st)

Raymond "Buddy" Parker, Coach

JIMMY DAVID (25) AND JACK CHRISTIANSEN (24)

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/27	PITTSBURGH	W	38-21
10/3	at Baltimore	W	27-17
10/11	SAN FRANCISCO	W	24-21
10/18	LOS ANGELES	L	19-31
10/25	at San Francisco	W	14-10
11/1	at Los Angeles	L	24-37
11/7	BALTIMORE	W	17-7
11/15	at Green Bay	W	14-7
11/22	at Chicago	W	20-16
11/26	GREEN BAY	W	34-15
12/6	CHICAGO	W	13-7
12/13	at New York	W	27-16
World Championship			
12/27	CLEVELAND	W	17-16

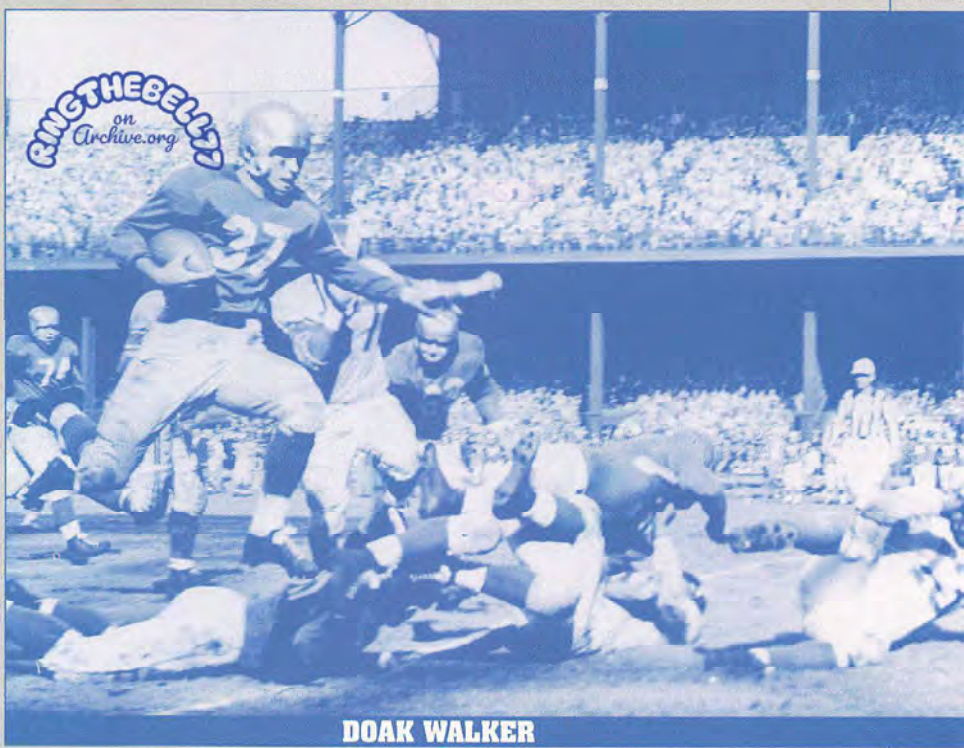
Opponents found the Lions nearly invincible in 1953 as Detroit posted a 10-2 record (a team-record .833 winning percentage) en route to a rematch against the Cleveland Browns in the championship game. Detroit's improvement on defense was a major factor in the Lions' ability to remain atop the NFL standings in 1953. Defensive back Jack Christiansen tied a Lions' record with 12 interceptions and headlined "Chris' Crew" — Detroit's secondary unit that included Yale Lary, Carl Karilivacz and Jimmy David. Adding to the team's defensive prowess in 1953 was rookie linebacker Joe Schmidt, who helped stabilize opposing teams' rushing attacks with his bone-crushing tackles. The 17-16 victory over the Browns in the championship game earned the Lions the distinction of becoming only the third team in NFL history to win back-to-back titles, joining the Chicago Bears (1940-41) and the Philadelphia Eagles (1948-49).

1954 Results: 9-2-1 (1st)

Raymond "Buddy" Parker, Coach

Detroit breezed through the regular season, winning eight of its first nine contests while capturing the Western Division title for the third consecutive year. In fact, the Lions seemed destined to become the only team in NFL history to win three consecutive NFL titles. Detroit was hitting on all cylinders — Doak Walker led the Lions' offensive surge as the team's top scorer with 106 points while Les Bingaman, in his final pro season, continued to clog up the middle of Detroit's defense.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/26	CHICAGO	W	48-23
10/10	LOS ANGELES	W	21-3
10/16	BALTIMORE	W	35-0
10/24	at San Francisco	L	31-37
10/31	at Los Angeles	W	27-24
11/6	at Baltimore	W	27-3
11/14	SAN FRANCISCO	W	48-7
11/21	at Green Bay	W	21-17
11/25	GREEN BAY	W	28-24
12/5	PHILADELPHIA	T	13-13
12/12	at Chicago	L	24-28
12/19	at Cleveland	W	14-10
World Championship			
12/26	at Cleveland	L	10-56



DOAK WALKER

Detroit ended the regular season on a high note with a victory over the Cleveland Browns, ending Cleveland's eight-game winning streak. Unfortunately, Detroit's dominance over the Browns ended in the championship game as Cleveland downed the Lions, 56-10. The loss, however, did not overshadow Detroit's accomplishments — a third consecutive season with nine or more victories and a third consecutive trip to the championship game.

1957 Results: 8-4-0 (1st)

George W. Wilson, Coach

The 1957 season appeared to be over before it started for the Detroit Lions when Head Coach Raymond "Buddy" Parker resigned during training camp, referring to the Lions as a "dead team with no life." Assistant coach George Wilson was promoted to head coach and a sense of stability and pride was restored in the Lions' locker room as Detroit rebounded to earn a share of the Western Division title. The resurgence was hampered late in the season when quarterback Bobby Layne suffered a broken leg. Tobin Rote, a reserve quarterback acquired before the season, stepped in where Layne left off and guided the Lions to a 31-27 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. The victory marked the second-largest comeback in NFL playoff history as Detroit overcame a 20 point second half deficit, scoring three touchdowns in a span of four minutes and 29 seconds. In the championship game against the Browns, Detroit avenged a loss to Cleveland in the 1954 title game with a 59-14 victory as Wilson transformed the '57 squad from "uncoachables to untouchables."

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/29	at Baltimore	L	14-34
10/6	at Green Bay	W	24-14
10/13	LOS ANGELES	W	10-7
10/20	BALTIMORE	W	31-27
10/27	at Los Angeles	L	17-35
11/3	at San Francisco	L	31-35
11/10	at Philadelphia	W	27-16
11/17	SAN FRANCISCO	W	31-10
11/24	CHICAGO	L	7-27
11/28	GREEN BAY	W	18-6
12/8	CLEVELAND	W	20-7
12/15	at Chicago	W	21-13
Playoff			
12/22	at San Francisco	W	31-27
World Championship			
12/29	CLEVELAND	W	59-14

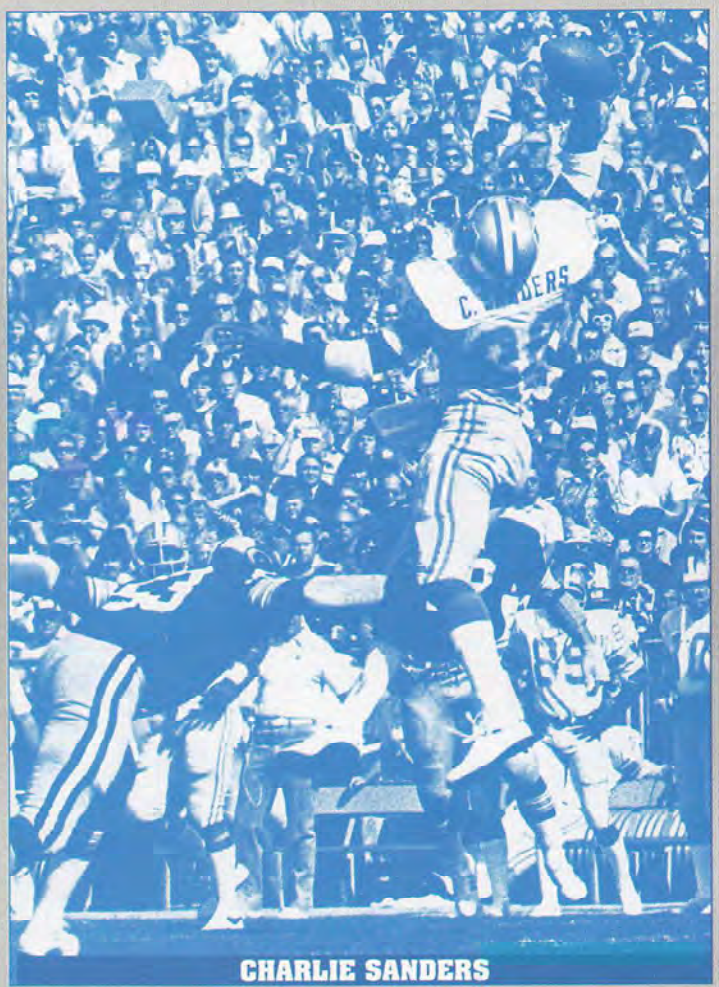
JOE SCHMIDT

1970 Results: 10-4-0 (2nd)

Joe Schmidt, Coach

Following a 13-year hiatus from the playoffs, Detroit returned to post-season action in 1970 as Head Coach Joe Schmidt's team earned a wild card berth with a 10-4 mark — the most wins by a Lions team since 1962 (11-3). Detroit, a winner of five straight contests, entered the playoffs as one of the toughest teams in the league. The Detroit defense, led by Pro Bowler Lem Barney and linebacker Mike Lucci, posted two shutouts in 1970 and twice limited its opponent to one field goal. The Lions' potent offense featured quarterbacks Greg Landry and Bill Munson and two rising young stars in the league, running back Mel Farr and Pro Bowl tight end Charlie Sanders. After an exhausting playoff drive, the Lions' season came to a screeching halt as Dallas' Doomsday Defense put a clamp on Detroit in Texas Stadium, 5-0.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/20	at Green Bay	W	40-0
9/27	CINCINNATI	W	38-3
10/5	CHICAGO	W	28-14
10/11	at Washington	L	10-31
10/18	at Cleveland	W	41-24
10/25	at Chicago	W	16-10
11/1	MINNESOTA	L	17-30
11/8	at New Orleans	L	17-19
11/15	at Minnesota	L	20-24
11/22	SAN FRANCISCO	W	28-7
11/26	OAKLAND	W	28-14
12/6	ST. LOUIS	W	16-3
12/14	at Los Angeles	W	28-23
12/20	GREEN BAY	W	20-0
NFC Playoff			
12/26	at Dallas	L	0-5



CHARLIE SANDERS

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1982 Results: 4-5-0 (4th)

Monte Clark, Coach

After just barely missing post-season play the two previous seasons, Detroit earned a spot in the playoffs during the strike-shortened 1982 season despite posting a 4-5 record. The Lions' revival during the early 1980's corresponded with the arrival of Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims, who gave the Lions offense new life as he earned instant stardom in the NFL. On defense, Detroit assembled one of the top defensive lines of the era. Referred to as the "Silver Rush," Doug English, Al Baker, William Gay and Dave Pureifory provided the Lions with a fierce pass rush that wreeked havoc on opposing offenses. Although the Lions lost to the eventual Super Bowl Champion Washington Redskins, 31-7, Detroit's first playoff appearance in more than a decade gave this young team a tantalizing taste of NFL success.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/12	CHICAGO	W	17-10
9/19	at LA Rams	W	19-14
11/21	at Chicago	L	17-20
11/25	NY GIANTS	L	6-13
12/6	NY JETS	L	13-28
12/12	at Green Bay	W	30-10
12/19	MINNESOTA	L	31-34
12/26	at Tampa Bay	L	21-23
1/2	GREEN BAY	W	27-24
NFC Playoff			
1/8	at Washington	L	7-31

MIKE DAWSON (73) AND DOUG ENGLISH (78)

1983 Results: 9-7-0 (1st)

Monte Clark, Coach

Under the guidance of Head Coach Monte Clark, the Lions claimed the NFC Central Division title in 1983 — Detroit's first division title since 1957. A 1-4 record early in the season appeared to end Detroit's playoff hopes, but the Lions bounced back to finish the season with eight wins in their final 11 contests. This was accomplished despite the loss of star running back Billy Sims for three games with a broken hand. Sims still managed to gain over 1,000 yards with the help of a personal-best 189 yards against the Green Bay Packers. The Lions' season ended before anticipated as a Detroit field goal sailed wide to the right late in the game and left the Lions on the short end of a 24-23 playoff contest against the San Francisco 49ers. In spite of the loss, Detroit's playoff entry marked the first time since 1953-54 that the Lions had made back-to-back playoff appearances.

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/4	at Tampa Bay	W	11-0
9/11	CLEVELAND	L	26-31
9/18	ATLANTA	L	14-31
9/25	at Minnesota	L	17-20
10/2	at LA Rams	L	10-21
10/9	GREEN BAY	W	38-14
10/16	CHICAGO	W	31-17
10/23	at Washington	L	17-38
10/30	at Chicago	W	38-17
11/7	NY GIANTS	W	15-9
11/13	at Houston	L	17-27
11/20	at Green Bay (M)	W/OT	23-20
11/24	PITTSBURGH	W	45-3
12/5	MINNESOTA	W	13-2
12/11	at Cincinnati	L	9-17
12/18	TAMPA BAY	W	23-20
NFC Playoff			
12/31	at San Francisco	L	23-24

BILLY SIMS

1991 Results: 12-4-0 (1st)

Wayne Fontes, Coach

The 1991 season was a breakthrough year for Head Coach Wayne Fontes and the Detroit Lions. Not only did Detroit win a team-record 12 games, but the Lions won their first playoff game since 1957 — a 38-6 triumph over the Dallas Cowboys. Overshadowing the success was the tragic injury sustained by offensive guard Mike Utley, who suffered a spinal cord injury late in the season. The Lions played the remainder of the season with heavy hearts but regrouped and rallied around Utley's "Thumbs Up" gesture, winning the final six games of the regular season. All-Pro running back Barry Sanders, who established a Detroit record with 1,548 rushing yards, headlined Detroit's cast of stars that included fellow Pro Bowlers Jerry Ball, Bennie Blades, Lomas Brown, Mel Gray and Chris Spielman.

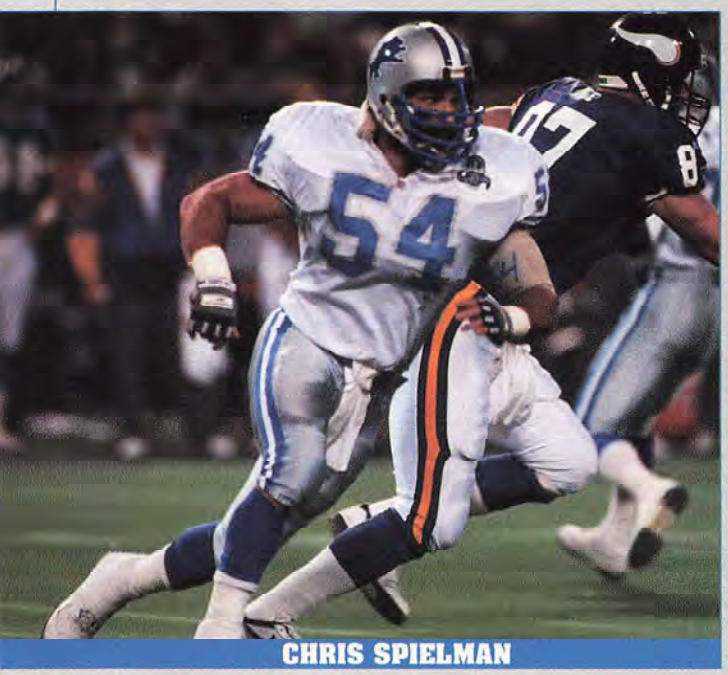
BARRY SANDERS

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/1	at Washington	L	0-45
9/8	GREEN BAY	W	23-14
9/15	MIAMI	W	17-13
9/22	Indianapolis	W	33-24
9/29	TAMPA BAY	W	31-3
10/6	MINNESOTA	W	24-20
10/20	at San Francisco	L	3-35
10/27	DALLAS	W	34-10
11/3	at Chicago	L	10-20
11/10	at Tampa Bay	L	21-30
11/17	LA RAMS	W	21-10
11/24	at Minnesota	W	34-14
11/28	CHICAGO	W	16-6
12/8	NY JETS	W	34-20
12/15	at Green Bay	W	21-17
12/22	at Buffalo	W/OT	17-14
NFC Playoffs			
1/5	DALLAS	W	38-6
1/12	at Washington	L	10-41

1993 Results: 10-6-0 (1st)

Wayne Fontes, Coach

Detroit spent the entire 1993 season in first place of the NFC Central Division, going wire-to-wire for the first time since 1954. Newly acquired linebacker Pat Swilling (6.5 sacks) joined forces with fellow linebacker Chris Spielman (148 tackles) and turned Detroit's defense into a menacing force. The defensive unit ranked sixth in the NFL and its sack total of 43 was 14 more than the previous season. Reserve running backs Derrick Moore and Eric Lynch proved to be diamonds in the rough for the Lions, filling in admirably late in the season for the injured Barry Sanders. Even though his playing time was limited, Sanders gained over 1,000 yards for a team-record fifth consecutive season. Place-kicker Jason Hanson paced Detroit with a Lions' record 130 points. A heart-breaking, 28-24 loss in the playoffs to the Green Bay Packers abruptly ended Detroit's season, but the groundwork was in place for future success.



CHRIS SPIELMAN

Date	Opponent	W-L-T	Score
9/5	ATLANTA	W	30-13
9/12	at New England	W/OT	19-16
9/19	at New Orleans	L	3-14
9/26	PHOENIX	W	26-20
10/3	at Tampa Bay	L	10-27
10/17	SEATTLE	W	30-10
10/24	at LA Rams	W	16-13
10/31	at Minnesota	W	30-27
11/7	TAMPA BAY	W	23-0
11/21	at Green Bay (M)	L	17-26
11/25	CHICAGO	L	6-10
12/5	MINNESOTA	L	0-13
12/12	at Phoenix	W	21-14
12/19	SAN FRANCISCO	L	17-55
12/26	at Chicago	W	20-14
1/2	GREEN BAY	W	30-20
NFC Playoffs			
1/8	GREEN BAY	L	24-28

LIONS 60TH ANNIVERSARY All-Time Teams

In Celebrating the Lions' 60th season in 1993, a media poll was conducted to select two all-time teams—a Golden Era Team (first 30 years, 1934-63) and a Modern Era Team (second 30 years, 1964-93).

Local sports reporters and broadcasters were asked to select the top two players per position for each era. The media were also asked to choose Offensive and Defensive MVPs, Most Outstanding Coaches, and a variety of other categories.

MEDIA ALL-GOLDEN ERA LIONS TEAM

(First 30 Years, 1934-63)

FIRST TEAM

Offense

End ..... Cloyce Box, 1949-50, 52-54
T..... Lou Creekmur, 1950-59
G ..... Harley Sewell, 1953-62
C ..... Alex Wojciechowicz, 1938-46
G ..... Dick Stanfel, 1952-55
T..... Charley Ane, 1953-59
End ..... Gail Cogdill, 1960-68
FB ..... Pat Harder, 1951-53
HB ..... Doak Walker, 1950-55
HB ..... tie, Whizzer White, 1940-41
Bob Hoernschemeyer, 1950-55
QB ..... Bobby Layne, 1950-58

Defense

DL ..... Darris McCord, 1955-67
DL ..... Thurman McGraw, 1950-54
DL ..... Les Bingaman, 1948-54
DL ..... Roger Brown, 1960-66
LB ..... Wayne Walker, 1958-72
LB ..... Joe Schmidt, 1953-65
LB ..... LaVern Torgeson, 1951-54
HB ..... Jim David, 1952-59
HB ..... Dick Lane, 1960-65
S..... Jack Christiansen, 1951-58
S..... Yale Lary, 1952-53, 56-64

Specialists

PK ..... Jim Martin, 1951-61
P..... Yale Lary, 1952-53, 56-64
KO Ret. .. Doak Walker, 1950-55
Punt Ret... Jack Christiansen, 1951-58

SECOND TEAM

Offense

End ..... Leon Hart, 1950-57
T..... George Christensen, 1934-38
G ..... John Gordy, 1957, 59-67
C ..... Vince Banonis, 1951-53
G ..... John Gonzaga, 1961-65
T..... Oliver Spencer, 1953, 56, 59-61
End ..... Jim Doran, 1951-59
FB ..... John Henry Johnson, 1957-59
HB ..... Bill Dudley, 1947-49
HB ..... Ernie Caddel, 1934-38
QB ..... Dutch Clark, 1934-38

Defense

DL ..... Alex Karras, 1958-62, 64-70
DL ..... Gil Mains, 1952-61
DL ..... Bill Glass, 1958-61
DL ..... John Prchlik, 1949-53
LB ..... Jim Martin, 1951-61
LB ..... Carl Brettschneider, 1960-63
LB ..... Alex Wojciechowicz, 1938-46
HB ..... Dick LeBeau, 1959-72
HB ..... Bob Smith, 1949-54
S..... Don Doll, 1949-52
S..... Gary Lowe, 1957-64

Specialists

PK ..... Doak Walker, 1950-55
P..... Bob Smith, 1949-54
KO Ret. .. Jack Christiansen, 1951-58
Punt Ret... Bill Dudley, 1947-49

GOLDEN ERA MVP HONORS

Offensive MVP ..... Bobby Layne
Defensive MVP ..... Joe Schmidt
Outstanding Coach ..... Buddy Parker

MEDIA ALL-MODERN ERA LIONS TEAM

(Second 30 Years, 1964-93)

FIRST TEAM

Offense

WR ..... Leonard Thompson, 1975-86
T..... Keith Dorney, 1979-87
G ..... Bob Kowalkowski, 1966-76
C ..... Ed Flanagan, 1965-74
G ..... John Gordy, 1959-67
T..... Lomas Brown, 1985-Present
TE ..... Charlie Sanders, 1968-77
WR ..... Fred Scott, 1978-83
RB ..... Barry Sanders, 1989-Present
RB ..... Billy Sims, 1980-84
QB ..... Greg Landry, 1968-78

Defense

DL ..... Doug English, 1975-79, 81-85
DL ..... Al Baker, 1978-82
DL ..... Larry Hand, 1964-77
DL ..... Alex Karras, 1958-62, 64-70
LB ..... Wayne Walker, 1958-72
LB ..... Mike Lucci, 1965-73
LB ..... Chris Spielman, 1988-Present
CB ..... Lem Barney, 1967-77
CB ..... Dick LeBeau, 1959-72
S..... Mike Weger, 1967-75
S..... Bennie Blades, 1988-Present

Specialists

PK ..... Eddie Murray, 1980-91
P..... Jim Arnold, 1986-1993
KO Ret.... Mel Gray, 1989-Present
Punt Ret... Lem Barney, 1967-77

SECOND TEAM

Offense

WR ..... Gail Cogdill, 1960-68
T..... Rockne Freitas, 1968-77
G ..... Russ Bolinger, 1976-82
C ..... Kevin Glover, 1985-Present
G ..... Chuck Walton, 1967-74
T..... Daryl Sanders, 1963-66
TE ..... David Hill, 1976-82
WR ..... Pat Studstill, 1961-67
RB ..... Dexter Bussey, 1974-84
RB ..... Mel Farr, 1967-73
QB ..... Gary Danielson, 1976-84

Defense

DL ..... Roger Brown, 1960-66
DL ..... Jerry Ball, 1987-92
DL ..... Bill Gay, 1978-87
LB ..... Charlie Weaver, 1971-81
LB ..... Paul Naumoff, 1967-78
LB ..... Michael Cofer, 1983-1993
LB ..... Ken Fantetti, 1979-85
CB ..... James Hunter, 1976-82
CB ..... Ray Crockett, 1989-1993
S..... Dick Jauron, 1973-77
S..... Tom Vaughn, 1965-71

Specialists

PK ..... Errol Mann, 1969-76
P..... Herman Weaver, 1970-76
KO Ret. .. Alvin Hall, 1980-85, 87
Punt Ret... Mel Gray, 1989-Present

MODERN ERA MVP HONORS

Offensive MVP ..... Barry Sanders
Defensive MVP ..... Lem Barney
Outstanding Coach ..... Joe Schmidt

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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Mr. Consistency ..... tie, Doak Walker
Joe Schmidt and Ed Murray
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Most Dedicated Player ..... tie,
Charlie Sanders
and Chris Spielman
Most Colorful Player ..... Bobby Layne

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The Pontiac Silverdome has been "Home Sweet Home" for the Detroit Lions since the last brick was put in place in 1975. During the past 19 years, the building has earned a reputation as one of the finest sports facilities in the world. Not even a freak, late-winter snowstorm on March 4, 1985, which caused extensive structural damage to the roof, could keep the Silverdome from maintaining its enviable stature in the sports world. A new canvas and steel-girder reinforced roof was added between March and June of 1985.

The Silverdome has the largest seating capacity (at 80,368) among NFL stadiums. The air-supported and cable-restrained facility is the largest of its kind in the world and is the first successful example of a fiberglass fabric roof system. This past summer the Silverdome was the site of the first World Cup Soccer match ever played in a domed stadium. New ground was broken as natural grass was brought into the Silverdome for the soccer match.

Since a 27-24 pre-season game victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Aug. 23, 1975, the Lions have played 186 games in the Silverdome after moving from their former home at Tiger Stadium in downtown Detroit. The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Lions, 36-10, in the first regular-season game in the building, Oct. 6, 1975. The Lions have posted a 94-82-2 overall record in Pontiac, including a 77-67-1 mark in regular season games (a .531 winning percentage). On January 5, 1992, the Lions defeated the Dallas Cowboys 38-6 in the first playoff game held at the Silverdome. The victory capped off an undefeated home season for the Lions as they finished a perfect 9-0 in games played in the Silverdome.

Though the Silverdome is the Lions' home, the Cincinnati Bengals and the San Francisco 49ers made NFL history in the building. On Jan. 24, 1982, the 49ers defeated the Bengals, 26-21, before a crowd of 81,270 in Super Bowl XVI — the first Super Bowl ever played in a northern U.S. city.

The Silverdome was built at a cost of $55.7 million. It was occupied in just 23 months, on time and within budget, from its ground breaking on Sept. 19, 1973. During the roof's reconstruction in 1985, the Teflon-coated fiberglass panels (100 in all) that span the roof were completely replaced, and several structural modifications and safety improvements also were accomplished. The roof was re-inflated by workmen on May 30, 1985.

LIONS 1993 REVIEW

Game 1 DETROIT 30, Atlanta 13

At the Silverdome, Sept. 5, 1993 (Attendance: 56,216)

	1	2	3	4	T
Falcons	0	3	3	7	13
LIONS	14	10	3	3	30

LIONS.....Sanders 26 run (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Jamison 35 interception return (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 44
LIONS.....H. Moore 21 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
Falcons..Johnson FG 54
Falcons..Johnson FG 20
LIONS.....Hanson FG 37
Falcons..Rison 32 pass from Miller (Johnson kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 37

Utilizing an attacking defense and an opportunistic offense, the Lions downed Atlanta, 30-13, giving head coach Wayne Fontes his first-ever opening game victory and the Lions their first opening game victory since 1988. Led by a defensive unit that registered six sacks and forced Falcon quarterback Chris Miller into throwing two interceptions, Detroit raced out to a 24-0 lead just 20 minutes into the game and never looked back. Leading the sack parade for the Lions were Dan Owens (2) and Tracy Scroggins (1.5). The Lions' defense even put points on the scoreboard as linebacker George Jamison corralled a deflected pass and returned the ball 35 yards for a TD. Running back Barry Sanders had a game-high 90 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries while quarterback Rodney Peete connected on 11-of-20 passing for 178 yards and 1 TD. Receiver Herman Moore finished the afternoon with four catches for 113 yards, including a long reception of 72 yards from Peete. As usual, Detroit's special teams units were all over the place and placekicker Jason Hanson booted three field goals (44, 37 and 37 yards), scored 12 points (3 FGs and 3 PATs) and placed all seven kickoffs through the end zone for touchbacks.

Game 2 DETROIT 19, New England 16 (OT)

At Foxboro Stadium, Sept. 12, 1993 (Attendance: 54,151)

	1	2	3	4	OT	T
LIONS	7	0	3	6	3	19
Patriots	6	3	0	7	0	16

LIONS .....Clay 15 fumble return (Hanson kick)
Patriots...Sisson FG 26
Patriots...Sisson FG 21
Patriots...Sisson FG 32
LIONS .....Hanson FG 22
LIONS .....Hanson FG 26
LIONS .....Hanson FG 23
Patriots...Brisby 2 pass from Bledsoe (Sisson kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 38

The Lions edged New England in overtime, 19-16, behind the rushing of all-pro running back Barry Sanders and the play of Detroit's special teams, earning Detroit its first 2-0 start since 1985. The Lions scored just 11 seconds into the game — the quickest score in club history — as Willie Clay picked up a Troy Brown fumble and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown on the opening kickoff. The Lions could not maintain the momentum as the teams fought tooth-and-nail for the remainder of the game with neither team able to deliver the knockout punch. Sanders was Detroit's main offensive weapon with 148 yards rushing on 32 carries with 120 yards coming after halftime. The Lions' defensive unit, led by Chris Spielman's 13 tackles (6 solo), yielded only 16 points (3 FGs and 1 TD). The lone touchdown came at an inopportune time for the Lions, however, as rookie quarterback Drew Bledsoe connected with Vincent Brisby on a two-yard scoring strike with 12 seconds left in regulation. On Detroit's second possession of the extra period, the Lions drove 60 yards to set up a 38-yard field goal by Jason Hanson, his fourth successful field goal of the game (22, 26, 23 and 38 yards).

Game 3 New Orleans 14, DETROIT 3

At the Superdome, Sept. 19, 1993 (Attendance 69,309)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	0	3	0	0	3
Saints	0	7	7	0	14

LIONS .....Hanson FG 41
Saints .....Brenner 17 pass from Wilson (Andersen kick)
Saints .....Martin 12 pass from Wilson (Andersen kick)

The Lions lost for the first time in 1993, a 14-3 defensive struggle to the New Orleans Saints. In the lowest combined scoring game for the Lions since a 7-6 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in 1988, Detroit was limited to nine first downs and 165 yards of total offense — the lowest total since the Lions gained 128 yards in a 31-22 victory over the Green Bay Packers in 1990. The Lions, who were without the services of Pro Bowl left tackle Lomas Brown (ankle) and left guard Dave Richards (leg), opened the scoring on a second quarter field goal by Jason Hanson (41 yards), but Detroit never threatened for the remainder of the game. The Saints' defense held Rodney Peete to just 99 yards on 12-of-17 passing and sacked the Detroit quarterback five times before he left the game in the fourth quarter with a knee injury. Despite the Lions' offensive woes, Detroit's defense held its own, limiting the Saints to 254 yards of total offense and quarterback Wade Wilson to 99 yards passing on 11-of-22 passing. However, two New Orleans recoveries of Lion fumbles and the rushing of rookie Derek Brown (25 carries, 121 yards) were too much for the Lions to overcome.

Game 4 DETROIT 26, Phoenix 20

At the Silverdome, Sept. 26, 1993 (Attendance: 57,180)

	1	2	3	4	T
Cardinals	0	17	0	3	20
LIONS	6	10	7	3	26

LIONS .....Hanson FG 44
LIONS .....Hanson FG 22
Cardinals....Proehl 51 pass from Beuerlein (Davis kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 33
LIONS .....D. Moore 1 run (Hanson kick)
Cardinals....Reeves 2 pass from Beuerlein (Davis kick)
Cardinals....Davis FG 54
LIONS .....Perriman 9 pass from Ware (Hanson kick)
Cardinals....Davis FG 30
LIONS .....Hanson FG 38

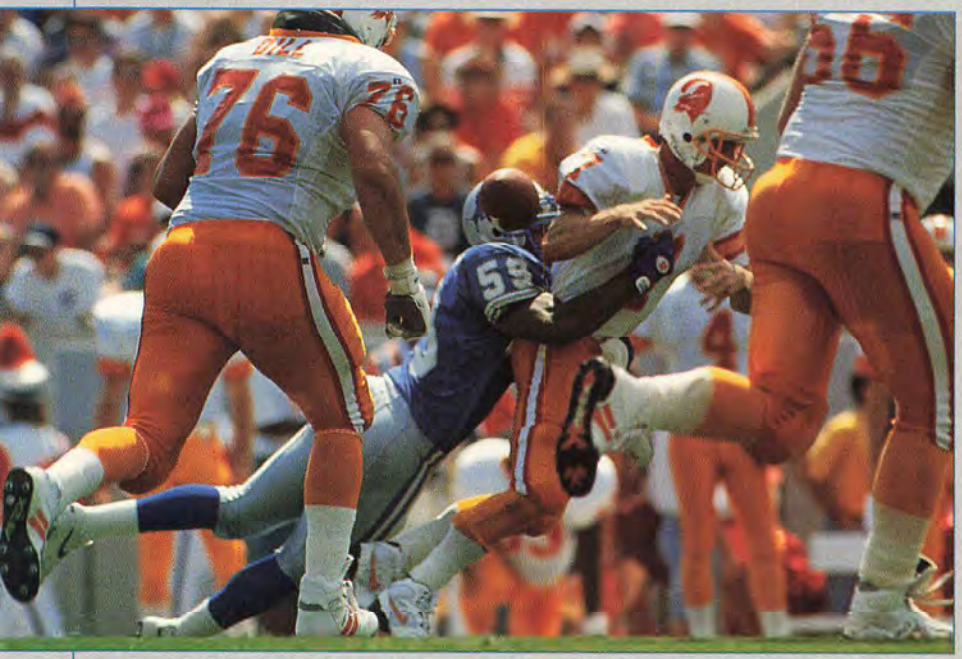
With Andre Ware calling the signals and Detroit's defense coming through in the clutch, the Lions squeaked past a stubborn Phoenix Cardinal team, 26-20. Ware, starting for the first time in 1993, shook off a slow start and ignited the Lions to 330 yards in total offense; Ware completed 11-of-24 passes for 194 yards (averaging 17.6 yards per completion), including a 9-yard scoring strike to Brett Perriman which proved to be the game-winner. While Barry Sanders' 90 yards on 23 carries put him over the 6,000-yard mark in career rushing, Derrick Moore scored his first career TD with a one-yard burst in the second quarter — Detroit's first offensive touchdown in 12 quarters. The Lions' defense stiffened when the game was on the line, stopping two Cardinal drives with less than five minutes left in the game. The last legitimate Phoenix threat ended when defensive end Robert Porcher sacked Steve Beuerlein, forcing a fumble that was recovered by LB Tracy Scroggins. In all, the Lions' defense registered four sacks, forced three turnovers and allowed just 79 rushing yards on 25 carries. Detroit placekicker Jason Hanson continued to light up the scoreboard, booting four field goals (44, 22, 33 and 38 yards) while scoring 14 of Detroit's 26 points.

Game 5 — Tampa Bay 27, DETROIT 10

At Tampa Stadium, Oct. 3, 1993 (Attendance: 40,794)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	7	3	0	0	10
Buccaneers	0	3	21	3	27

LIONS.....Sanders 20 run (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 30
Buccaneers....Husted FG 52
Buccaneers....Hawkins 15 pass from Erickson (Hanson kick)
Buccaneers....Cobb 3 run (Husted kick)
Buccaneers....Hall 37 pass from Erickson (Husted kick)
Buccaneers....Husted FG 46



Detroit witnessed its 10-point second-quarter lead evaporate in the Florida sun while Tampa Bay managed 21 third-quarter points in a 27-10 Buccaneer victory. Detroit looked like world-beaters on its opening drive of the game, moving 80 yards in five plays and scoring on a 20-yard run by Barry Sanders. Sanders gained 107 yards on 15 carries in the first half alone, but the Tampa Bay defense stiffened in the second half, holding the Lions' all-pro running back to 23 yards in the second half. Meanwhile, the Buccaneers' offense came to life as Tampa Bay scored 21 points in the third quarter behind the rushing of Reggie Cobb, who scored the first rushing TD on the Lions all season while gaining 113 yards on 25 carries. Second-year quarterback Craig Erickson added two TD passes while throwing for 210 yards on 14-of-25 passing despite constant pressure from Detroit linebacker Tracy Scroggins, who recorded two sacks while replacing the injured Pat Swilling (ankle). Quarterback Erik Kramer (11-of-24, 120 yards and 1 int.) replaced starter Andre Ware (5-of-14, 56 yards, 1 int.) early in the third quarter, but Kramer could not save the game for the Lions as Tampa Bay won its first game of the season.

Game 6 — DETROIT 30, Seattle 10

At the Silverdome, Oct. 17, 1993 (Attendance: 60,801)

	1	2	3	4	T
Seahawks	7	0	3	0	10
LIONS	14	10	3	3	30

Seahawks.....Martin 6 pass from Mirer (Kasay kick)
LIONS.....H. Moore 13 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....H. Moore 11 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
Seahawks.....Kasay FG 19
LIONS.....Gray 95 kickoff return
LIONS.....Hanson FG 34
LIONS.....Hanson FG 32
LIONS.....Hanson FG 35

The Lions excelled in every phase of the game — offense, defense and special teams — in cruising to a 30-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Quarterback Rodney Peete sparked a rejuvenated offense, throwing two TD passes to Herman Moore in leading the Lions to the highest point-total against Seattle this season. The Seahawks also had their hands full with Barry Sanders as the all-pro running back scooted for 101 yards on 22 carries, his third 100-yard rushing game of the season. Seattle QB Rick Mirer was under heavy pressure from a Detroit defensive unit which forced the rookie from Notre Dame into throwing three interceptions while sacking him three times. Detroit's special teams were extra special as return specialist Mel Gray electrified the Silverdome crowd with a 95-yard kickoff return while placekicker Jason Hanson booted three field goals (34, 32 and 35 yards) in the Lions' fourth win of the season.

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Game 7 DETROIT 16, Los Angeles Rams 13

At Anaheim Stadium, Oct. 24, 1993 (Attendance: 43,850)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	0	3	3	10	16
Rams	0	0	0	13	13

LIONS....Hanson FG 25
LIONS....Hanson FG 24
LIONS....Sanders 5 run (Hanson kick)
Rams.....E. Jones 4 pass from Rubley (Zendejas kick)
Rams.....E. Jones 21 pass from Rubley (kick no good)
LIONS....Hanson FG 18

The Lions snapped their 11-game west coast losing streak with a 16-13 last-second victory over the Rams in Anaheim. For nearly three quarters, the defensive units of both teams dominated the game as Los Angeles was held scoreless while the Lions could muster only a pair of field goals. Detroit quarterback Rodney Peete (15-of-25 for 249 yards) went to work in the fourth quarter as he led the Lions on a 13-play, 94-yard drive that consumed 7:46 of the game clock, culminating in a 5-yard TD run by running back Barry Sanders. Meanwhile, the Rams received a spark from backup QB T.J. Rubley as he threw for two touchdowns, including a 21-yard TD pass to Ernie Jones with 1:52 remaining in the game. Ram placekicker Tony Zendejas hit the left upright on the extra point attempt and the game remained tied at 13-13. Following a spectacular 45-yard kickoff return by Vernon Turner, Peete led Detroit to the Rams' one-yard line with the help of a 25-yard pass to Rodney Holman. Placekicker Jason Hanson came on to boot his third field goal of the game, an 18-yarder with four seconds remaining in the game.

Game 8 DETROIT 30, Minnesota 27

At the Metrodome, Oct. 31, 1993 (Attendance: 53,739)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	7	6	3	17	30
Vikings	7	10	10	0	27

Vikings....A. Carter 10 pass from Salisbury (Reviez kick)
LIONS.....Clay 39 fumble return (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 34
Vikings....C. Carter 5 pass from Salisbury (Reviez kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 44
Vikings....Reviez FG 48
Vikings....R. Smith 1 run (Reviez kick)
Vikings....Reviez FG 37
LIONS.....H. Moore 93 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 32
LIONS.....D. Moore 1 run (Hanson kick)

The Lions rallied to score 17 fourth-quarter points in a 30-27 victory over the Minnesota Vikings in the Metrodome. The Vikings dominated the game through three quarters, gaining a 27-13 lead behind the passing of QB Sean Salisbury (25-of-37, 234 yards, 2 TDs), who replaced the injured Jim McMahon; the rushing of rookie RB Robert Smith (115 yards); and the play of Minnesota's stingy defense, allowing six offensive points through three quarters. Detroit showed its true character in the fourth quarter as QB Rodney Peete jump-started the Lions' offense on the first play of the quarter when he hooked up with WR Herman Moore on a 93-yard TD pass, the fourth-longest passing play in Lions history. The Lions defense, which accounted for Detroit's sole touchdown in the first half on a 39-yard fumble return by Willie Clay, stiffened in the final stanza, holding the Vikings to 31 yards and two first downs. Jason Hanson added a 32-yard field goal, his third of the game (34, 44 and 32 yards), before Peete went back to work with the offense. Peete completed passes of 18, 11, 11 and 4 yards in the Lions' game-winning drive that culminated with a one-yard TD run by Derrick Moore with 40 seconds remaining in the game. LB Chris Spielman sealed the victory for Detroit as he intercepted a pass on the Vikings' final possession.

Game 9 DETROIT 23, Tampa Bay 0

At the Silverdome, Nov. 7, 1993 (Attendance: 65,295)

	1	2	3	4	T
Buccaneers	0	0	0	0	0
LIONS	3	3	7	10	23

LIONS .....Hanson FG 29
LIONS .....Hanson FG 49
LIONS .....Peete 9 run (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....D. Moore 1 run (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 37

The Lions controlled both sides of the line of scrimmage in a 23-0 shutout of the Buccaneers, earning Detroit its first shutout since an 11-0 win over the Bucs in 1983. Detroit limited the Buccaneers to six first downs and 146 yards of total offense with Tampa Bay's deepest penetration being the Lions' 40-yard line. The Lions' offense, sparked by running back Barry Sanders' second-best effort as a professional (187 yards on 29 carries), scored 17 points in the second half while rolling up 366 yards of total offense — Detroit's third straight game with 300 yards or more of total offense. Detroit quarterback Rodney Peete completed 73% (16 of 22) of his passes and rushed nine yards for a touchdown. Placekicker Jason Hanson added three field goals in extending his league-leading scoring total to 91 points as Detroit upped its record to 7-2, the club's best start since 1962.

Game 10 Green Bay 26, DETROIT 17

At Milwaukee County Stadium, Nov. 21, 1993 (Attendance: 55,119)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	0	10	7	0	17
Packers	10	3	3	10	26

Packers....E. Bennett 1 run (Jacke kick)
Packers....Jacke FG 27
LIONS .....Green 17 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 50
Packers....Jacke FG 52
LIONS .....Hallock 1 pass from Peete (Hanson kick)
Packers....Jacke FG 20
Packers....Jacke FG 34
Packers....E. Bennett 2 run (Jacke kick)

The Lions four-game win streak came to a halt as Detroit ended up on the short end of a 26-17 score against the Packers in Milwaukee. Green Bay scored on its first two possessions, but Detroit bounced back from the 10-point first-half deficit to pull within three points at halftime and claimed a 17-13 lead following the Lions' first possession of the second half. Rodney Peete threw two TD passes, a 17-yard strike to WR Willie Green and a one-yarder to rookie TE Ty Hallock — his first career TD. Barry Sanders ran for 75 yards to give him 1,052 for the season, becoming only the third player (Eric Dickerson and Tony Dorsett) in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in each of his first five seasons. On the defensive front, LB Pat Swilling showed the Lions why he was a four-time pro bowl selection as he recorded two sacks and also added an interception. However, the Lions were unable to slow the Packers down in the second half as Green Bay controlled the ball and the clock (10:46 in the second half and 35:18 for the game). WR Sterling Sharpe grabbed seven passes for 75 yards, and RB Edgar Bennett closed out the Green Bay rally as he scored his second TD of the game on a 2-yard run to put the game out of reach.

Game 11 — Chicago 10, DETROIT 6

At the Silverdome, Nov. 25, 1993
(Attendance: 76,699)

	1	2	3	4	T
Bears	0	10	0	0	10
LIONS	0	3	3	0	6

Bears .....Butler FG 27
LIONS .....Hanson FG 39
Bears .....Obee 42 pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 27

Not only did the Lions lose the Thanksgiving Day match-up to the Chicago Bears, 10-6, Detroit also lost all-pro running back Barry Sanders with a sprained left knee. Sanders left the game in the third quarter with 63 yards on 16 carries, and the loss crippled Detroit's already-struggling offense as the Chicago defense limited the Lions to just 230 total yards. Brett Perriman (8 catches for 75 yards) and Herman Moore (7 for 61) tried to keep the Lions in the game, but four Detroit drives ended in turnovers (2 interceptions, 2 fumbles). On the other side of the ball, Detroit mounted a fine defensive effort with Chris Spielman (13 tackles) and Pat Swilling (1.5 sacks, 4 tackles) leading the way. Detroit held the Bears to 225 total yards and 11 first downs, but two Jason Hanson field goals — including his team-record 28th of the season — were not enough to overtake Chicago.

Game 12 — Minnesota 13, DETROIT 0

At the Silverdome, Dec. 5, 1993
(Attendance: 63,216)

The Lions fell to an NFC Central Division opponent for the third consecutive week as Detroit failed to score in a 13-0 Minnesota victory. The Viking defense limited the Lions to 219 total yards while registering seven sacks and five interceptions. In addition, Minnesota's defense accounted for the Vikings' only touchdown, a 63-yard interception return for a TD by S Lamar McGriggs. The Lions' bright spot offensively was RB Derrick Moore, who gained 86 yards on 22 rushes and caught six passes for 43 yards in place of the injured Barry Sanders. Defensively, the Lions more than held their own, holding the Vikings to 234 yards of total offense and two Fuad Reveiz field goals (37 and 29 yards). Detroit sacked the Vikings' Jim McMahon three times with DE Kelvin Pritchett helping to plug the holes in the middle with a team-high eight tackles (six solo).

	1	2	3	4	T
Vikings	3	3	0	7	13
LIONS	0	0	0	0	0

Vikings .....Reveiz FG 37
Vikings .....Reveiz FG 29
Vikings .....McGriggs 63 interception return

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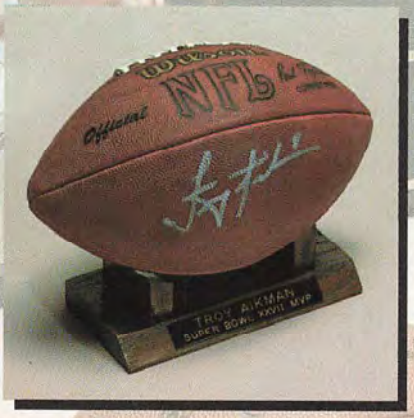

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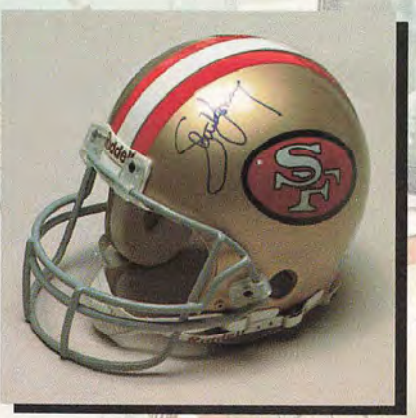

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Game 13 DETROIT 21, Phoenix 14

At Sun Devil Stadium, Dec. 12, 1993 (Attendance: 39,393)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	0	7	7	7	21
Cardinals	0	7	7	0	14

Cardinals .....Blount 6 run (Davis kick)
LIONS.....H. Moore 6 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
Cardinals .....R. Moore 1 run (Davis kick)
LIONS.....Holman 28 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
LIONS.....Green 43 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)

The Lions snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Cardinals in Detroit's first-ever visit to Sun Devil Stadium, maintaining Detroit's share of the NFC Central lead. In his first start of the season, quarterback Erik Kramer completed 19-of-25 passes for 257 yards and three touchdowns. With the Lions trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, Kramer's six-yard strike to Herman Moore ended Detroit's stretch of 10 consecutive quarters without a touchdown. Kramer also connected with Rodney Holman (28 yards) and Willie Green (43 yards). Derrick Moore continued to shine in the absence of Barry Sanders as Moore led the Lions with seven receptions for 54 yards while rushing for 107 yards on 20 carries; Moore became the first Lion other than Sanders to rush for 100 yards since Garry James had 140 yards on Oct. 12, 1986 against the Packers. Detroit's defense recorded three interceptions (Ryan McNeil, Harry Colon and Chris Spielman) while Kelvin Pritchett and Robert Porcher recorded two sacks apiece. The defense's shining moment came late in the fourth quarter when Detroit shut down the Cardinals after a second-and-goal situation at the Lions' one-yard line; The Phoenix drive was thwarted on an interception by McNeil on fourth down with two minutes to play.

Game 14 San Francisco 55, DETROIT 17

At the Silverdome, Dec. 19, 1993 (Attendance: 77,052)

	1	2	3	4	T
49ers	14	17	14	10	55
LIONS	0	10	0	7	17

49ers.....Taylor 68 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
49ers.....Beach 20 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
LIONS.....Hanson FG 51
49ers.....Rice 80 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
49ers.....Rathman 2 run (Cofer kick)
49ers.....Cofer FG 43
LIONS.....D. Moore 12 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
49ers.....Rathman 1 run (Cofer kick)
49ers.....Lee 12 pass from Young (Cofer kick)
49ers.....Cofer FG 21
LIONS.....H. Moore 31 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
49ers.....Carter 50 run (Cofer kick)

San Francisco struck early and often as the 49ers scored 31 first-half points en route to a 55-17 victory over the Lions. In the offensive outburst, San Francisco showcased several of the league's brightest offensive stars, starting with QB Steve Young's 354 yards and four touchdowns on 17-of-23 passing. Young's favorite targets in the game were WR Jerry Rice (four catches for 132 yards and one TD) and WR John Taylor (four catches for 115 yards and one TD). The 49ers chalked up 565 yards of total offense — the third-highest total against the Lions in team history — while San Francisco punter Klaus Wilmsmeyer never left the 49er bench. The Lions' offense managed 17 points on two Erik Kramer TD passes (to Derrick Moore and Herman Moore) and a 51-yard field goal by Jason Hanson, but the Silverdome-record 55 points by the 49ers were too much to overcome.

Game 15 DETROIT 20, Chicago 14

At Soldier Field, Dec. 26, 1993 (Attendance: 43,443)

	1	2	3	4	T
LIONS	0	10	3	7	17
Bears	7	0	0	7	14

Bears .....Worley 1 run (Butler kick)
LIONS .....Perriman 20 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 40
LIONS .....Hanson FG 37
Bears .....Harbaugh 1 run (Butler kick)
LIONS .....Hallock 1 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)

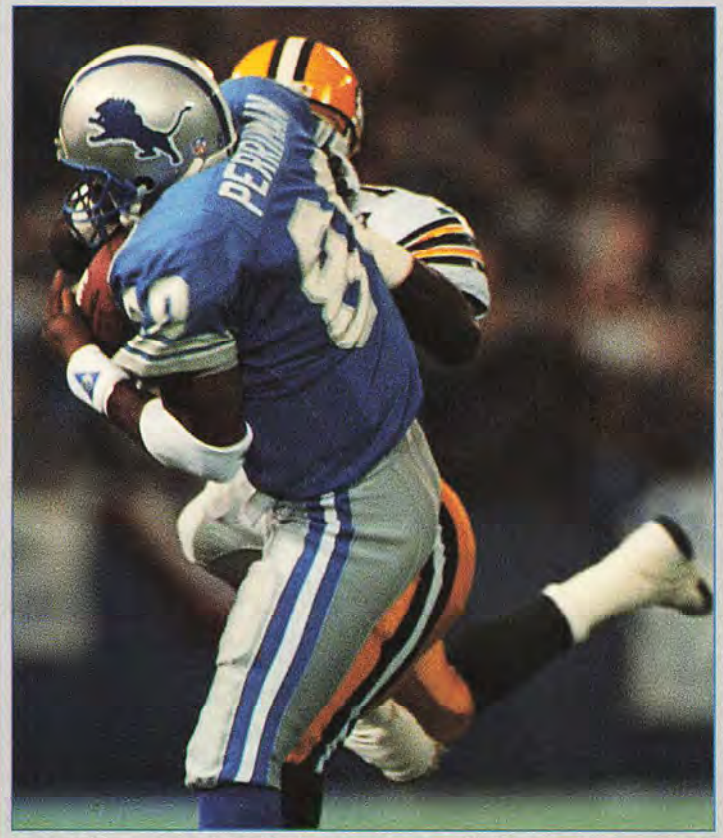
The Lions received their biggest Christmas present a day late as Detroit defeated the Bears, 20-14, in Chicago. The victory, coupled with New Orleans' loss to Philadelphia, guaranteed Detroit a spot in the playoffs. Things did not look so merry for the Lions in the opening quarter when Chicago took the opening kickoff and drove 65 yards and consumed 10:19 of the clock on 16 plays with Tim Worley scoring on a one-yard plunge. Detroit's defense put the clamps on the Bears for the remainder of the game, however, limiting Chicago to 180 yards of total offense. The Lions' offensive front controlled the line of scrimmage for Detroit by not allowing a quarterback sack and paving the way for RB Eric Lynch's 85 yards rushing on 22 carries. Lynch, who received his first NFL start in place of injured running backs Barry Sanders and Derrick Moore, also led the Lions in receiving with seven receptions for 46 yards. QB Erik Kramer played nearly flawless football, throwing for two touchdowns and 223 yards on 23-of-31 passing. Kramer's second TD toss, a one-yard scoring strike to TE Ty Hallock, culminated an 80-yard drive that gave Detroit a six-point margin with just over three minutes to play.

Game 16 DETROIT 30, Green Bay 20

At the Silverdome, Jan. 2, 1994 (Attendance: 77,510)

	1	2	3	4	T
Packers	7	3	10	0	20
LIONS	0	10	6	14	30

Packers....E. Bennett 39 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
LIONS .....Lynch 5 run (Hanson kick)
Packers....Jacke FG 54
LIONS .....Hanson FG 37
LIONS .....Hanson FG 53
Packers....E.Bennett 2 run (Jacke kick)
LIONS .....Hanson FG 48
Packers....Jacke FG 47
LIONS .....Lynch 1 run (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....Holman 8 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)



The Lions needed a true "team effort" to defeat the Packers, 30-20, earning Detroit the NFC Central Division title. Detroit demonstrated a ball-hungry defensive squad, a balanced offensive attack and a rejuvenated special teams unit in winning for the third time in four games. The Lions defense swarmed QB Brett Favre, sacking the Packer signal caller two times while forcing five turnovers, four of which were interceptions (CB Ray Crockett, LB Tracy Scroggins, LB George Jamison and LB Pat Swilling). RB Eric Lynch paced the Lions' offense as he rushed for 115 yards on 30 carries, joining Barry Sanders and Derrick Moore to become the first trio of Detroit running backs to produce 100-yard rushing games in the same season since 1976 (Horace King, Lawrence Gaines and Dexter Bussey). Return specialist Mel Gray ignited the Lions' special teams unit with 149 total return yards (120 yards on five kickoff returns and 29 yards on three punt returns), including a 47-yard kickoff return to start the second half that set up a field goal. Jason Hanson tallied 12 points on three field goals (37, 53 and 48 yards) and three PATs, giving him a team-record 130 points for the season.

Playoff Game 1

Green Bay 28, DETROIT 24

At the Silverdome, Jan. 8, 1994 (Attendance: 68,479)

	1	2	3	4	T
Packers	0	7	14	7	**28**
LIONS	3	7	7	7	**24**

LIONS .....Hanson FG 47
Packers....Sharpe 12 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
LIONS .....Perriman 1 pass from Kramer (Hanson kick)
LIONS .....Jenkins 15 interception return (Hanson kick)
Packers....Sharpe 28 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)
Packers....Teague 101 interception return (Jacke kick)
LIONS .....D. Moore 5 run (Hanson kick)
Packers....Sharpe 40 pass from Favre (Jacke kick)

The Lions lost a heartbreaker to Green Bay, 28-24, in a wildcard playoff game in the Silverdome. Detroit demonstrated its offensive fire-power, gaining 410 yards (175 rushing and 235 passing) and posting 25 first downs. There were several outstanding individual performances as RB Barry Sanders produced team playoff records in rushing yards (169) and carries (27) while WR Brett Perriman established a Detroit post-season mark in receptions (10) and tied a playoff record with 150 yards receiving. The Lions defense managed to put points on the board as DB Melvin Jenkins returned an interception 15 yards for a TD in the third quarter. Green Bay responded with a 101-yard interception return for a TD by rookie DB George Teague, but in the end it was the Packers' offense that abruptly ended Detroit's season when QB Brett Favre hooked up with WR Sterling Sharpe on a 40-yard pass play with 55 seconds remaining in the game.

1993 Detroit Lions Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sanders	243	1115	4.6	42	3
Moore, D.	88	405	4.6	48	3
Lynch	53	207	3.9	15	2

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD	Int.
Peete	252	157	1670	62.3	6	14
Kramer	138	87	1002	63.0	8	3
Ware	45	20	271	44.4	1	2

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Moore, H.	61	935	15.3	93t	6
Perriman	49	496	10.1	34	2
Sanders	36	205	5.7	17	0

Scoring	Rush. TD	Rec. TD	FG	Total Points
Hanson	—	—	34-43	130
Moore, H.	—	6	—	36
Moore, D.	3	1	—	24

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Arnold	72	3207	44.5

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Gray	23	197	8.6	35	0
Turner	17	152	8.9	53	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Gray	28	688	24.6	95t	1
Turner	15	330	22.0	46	0

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Swilling	3	16	5.3	14	0
Jamison	2	48	24.0	35t	1
Crockett	2	31	15.5	31	0
Colon	2	28	14.0	27	0
McNeil	2	19	9.5	16	0

Tackles	Total	Solo	Asst.
Spielman	148	97	51
White	84	53	31
Jamison	80	64	16

Sacks	No.	Yds.
Porcher	8.5	53.0
Scroggins	8.0	56.0
Swilling	6.5	33.0

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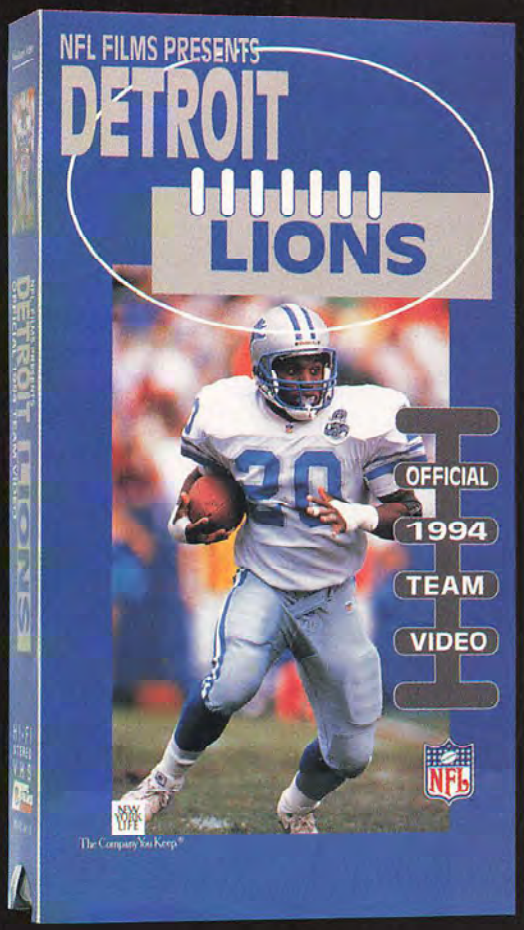

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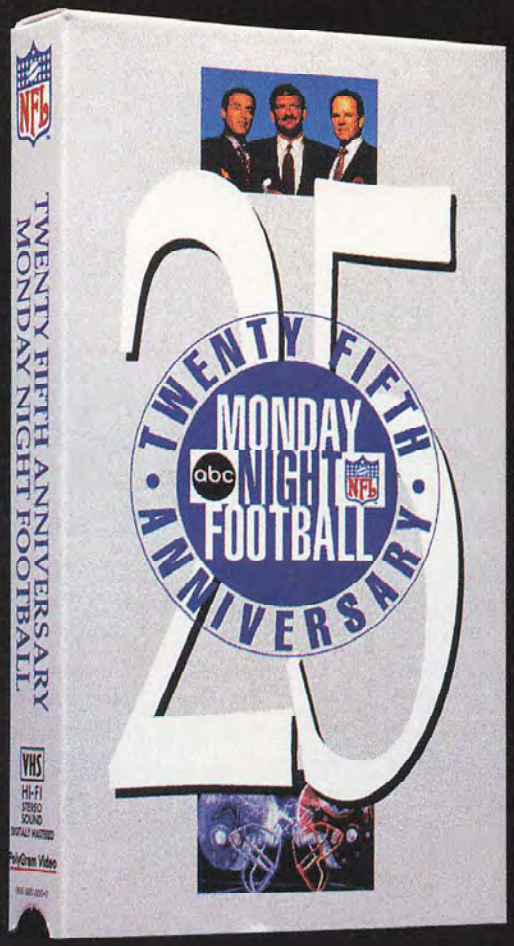

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LIONS SET SIGHTS ON GREATER HEIGHTS IN '94

Wayne Fontes has several key offensive stars returning in 1994, including Barry Sanders (20), Brett Perriman (80), and Herman Moore (84).

The Lions have become perennial playoff contenders under the guidance of Head Coach Wayne Fontes, capturing the NFC Central Division title in 1991 and '93. Despite this recent success, Detroit is not content with just making the playoffs, and the team made strides in the off-season to improve and take its game to another level in 1994.

"Simply making the playoffs is not enough anymore," said Head Coach Wayne Fontes. "Our goal this year will not be just to make the playoffs. It will be to win the division and then once we win the division, we want to try to get to the Super Bowl."

Lions' Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer Chuck Schmidt realized the Lions' roster already featured 1993 Pro Bowlers Barry Sanders, Lomas Brown and Pat Swilling not to mention a strong core of veteran stars such as Chris Spielman, Bennie Blades, Herman Moore, Brett Perriman, Marc Spindler, Kelvin Pritchett, Robert Porcher and Mel Gray. All Detroit needed was a few minor changes to get over the hump.

"Obviously, at this point in time we think we're a team in it's prime, not too old," Schmidt said. "This team has an opportunity, and it certainly has the potential, to do even more than it has in the last couple of years. Having said that, it's important to get good consistent play at certain positions we didn't feel we had."

Schmidt's aggressiveness in the free-agent market helped fill those needs as the Lions acquired top-notch players in key positions while adding depth in other areas. The most important off-season move for the Lions was the acquisition of quarterback Scott Mitchell, a highly-touted signal caller from the Miami Dolphins. Other free agent signings included wide receiver Anthony Carter (Minnesota Vikings), tight end Ron Hall (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), linebacker Mike Johnson (Cleveland Browns), cornerback Robert Massey (Phoenix Cardinals), punter Greg Montgomery (Houston Oilers), and offensive guard Doug Widell (Green Bay Packers).

In Mitchell, the Lions obtained a young quarterback with tremendous arm strength and a superb knowledge of the game. Detroit expects Mitchell to add stability to a position that has lacked a consistent starter for many years. The former Utah Ute gained valuable playing experience with the Dolphins in 1993, starting seven games for the injured Dan Marino and throwing for 1,173 yards and 12 touchdowns. In just a brief time, Mitchell impressed many experts around the league. Included in the group of Mitchell admirers is his former coach in Miami, Don Shula, who knows a good quarterback when he sees one.

"You're going to find that he's a guy who really knows the game, the quarterback position," said Shula after losing Mitchell to the Lions. "He's a big, strong guy. When he gets to the line of scrimmage, he can see well. He knows what to do with the football. He makes quick decisions. I can't say enough good things about him."

Backing up Mitchell will be Dave Krieg, formerly of the Kansas City Chiefs, and Chuck Long, who returns to the Lions. The

two bring 21 years of NFL experience to Detroit.

Even with the new additions to the Lions offense, Detroit still looks to center its attack around Sanders, a 1,000-yard rusher in each of his first five seasons. The all-pro running back rushed for 1,115 yards in just 11 contests and will be back at full-strength in 1994 after missing the final five regular season games with a knee injury. In fact, the five-time Pro Bowl starter bounced back in time to strut his stuff in the playoffs, rushing for a Detroit playoff-record 169 yards against Green Bay.

"We have the best running back in football in Barry Sanders," said Fontes. "And with the way Derrick Moore and Eric Lynch played at the end of the 1993 season, there's no question in my mind that we have three quality running backs on this team."

Derrick Moore and Lynch combined for 459 yards in the final five games of the regular season and, in the process, provided the Lions with much needed depth at the running back position.

The Lions' passing game will be boosted by the return of Herman Moore and Perriman — one of the top receiving tandems in the NFL. In 1993, Moore grabbed 61 passes for 935 yards and six touchdowns while Perriman exploded in the playoffs for a Detroit playoff-record 10 receptions while tying a team post-season mark with 150 yards receiving.

Adding another weapon to Detroit's receiving corps will be veteran wideout Anthony Carter, who joins the Lions after spending the past nine seasons with the Vikings. Johnnie Morton, Detroit's number one draft pick in 1994, adds depth to the unit after a stellar college career at Southern Cal.

"With receivers like Herman Moore, Brett Perriman, AC. and Morton, we have some offensive weapons that will be hard for other teams to defense," said Fontes. "You can't just concentrate on one of them, because someone else will hurt you."

The Lions' tight end position should be stronger than it's been in many years with the acquisition of Hall, a superb pass catcher and a solid blocker. In addition, surprising second-year tight end Ty Hallock, also a special teams demon, will be an obvious asset to the team.

In the trenches, Detroit welcomes back starters Lomas Brown (left tackle), Kevin Glover (center), and David Lutz (right tackle). Shawn Bouwens (a starter for 16 contests in 1992), Mike Compton, and former Green Bay Packer Doug Widell are expected to compete for the guard positions.

On the other side of the ball, the Lions look to continue their attack-style defense as Herb Paterra moves from linebackers coach to take the reins as defensive coordinator.

Marc Spindler (93) and Chris Spielman (54) will hold down the defense for Fontes in 1994.

Detroit's aggressive defense resulted in 43 quarterback sacks in 1993, 14 more than 1992. Leading the sack entourage was Robert Porcher (8.5 sacks), Tracy Scroggins (8) and Pat Swilling with 6.5 sacks despite being hobbled by an ankle injury much of the season.

The defensive line boasts young turks Spindler, Pritchett, Porcher and Dan Owens. Spindler is expected to hold down the nose guard position while the remaining trio will split time at defensive end.

The Lions' linebackers will once again be headed by Chris Spielman, who led Detroit in tackles for a record sixth-straight season with 148 stops, the second-highest total in Lion history. Swilling led the Lions in interceptions last season with three and Mike Johnson comes to Detroit after leading the AFC in 1993 with 181 tackles.

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"Our linebackers are a good group," said Fontes. "The outside linebackers have excellent speed; tremendous speed outside with Swilling, Scroggins, Tracy Hayworth, and Antonio London. Speed is crucial to our success, especially on defense."

Jason Hanson looks forward to another fine season after setting a Detroit record with 130 points in 1993.

The secondary expects to have safety Bennie Blades back at full strength after missing 12 games in 1993. Massey, the Lions' newly signed cornerback, will add speed and big-play ability to a defensive backfield that also features Kevin Scott, Ryan McNeil, Harry Colon and Willie Clay.

Detroit will once again feature a top-flight special teams unit this season with Jason Hanson leading the way following a team-record 130 points in 1993. The always-dangerous Mel Gray gives Detroit the league's premier kick-return specialist, and punter Greg Montgomery joins the Lions after leading the NFL in punting the last two seasons as a Houston Oiler.

The Lions have their sights set on retaining the NFC Central crown but will have to face a difficult schedule in order to accomplish their goal.

Detroit is slated to play eight games against playoff teams from 1993, including the combatants in the previous two Super Bowls — the Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills. The Lions face the Cowboys in a Monday night matchup in Dallas while the Bills visit the Lions' den for Detroit's annual Thanksgiving Day game.

"The Dallas game is going to be a good one," Fontes said. "You'll get to see two of the best running backs in football in Barry Sanders and Emmitt Smith on Monday night.

"The Thanksgiving Day game will be a classic matchup also. You'll get to see another great runner in Buffalo's Thurman Thomas."

The defending NFC West champion San Francisco 49ers will make a return trip to the Silverdome while Detroit travels to the Meadowlands to face the New York Giants. The Lions will celebrate the holidays in Miami as Detroit takes on the Dolphins on Christmas night.

"For them to put us opposite Miami in the only game — especially on Christmas when everybody will be sitting home watching it — I think maybe the Lions have gained a little respect in the NFL," said Fontes.

The Lions will resume battle with their NFC Central opponents in 1994, a division that placed three teams in the playoffs in 1993 — Detroit, Green Bay and Minnesota.

"It's a tough schedule, but it goes with winning the division." Fontes said. "We'll have to prove ourselves against the best teams in football, but we'll be ready for the challenge. To compete and try to go all the way and win the Super Bowl, you have to play a good schedule."

SCOUTING THE LIONS' 1994 REGULAR SEASON OPPONENTS

Date	Opponent	Site	Series Record vs. Opponent	Home Record vs. Opponent	Road Record vs. Opponent
Sept. 4	ATLANTA	Silverdome	17-5	10-2	7-3
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Metrodome	23-40-2	13-20-1	10-20-1
Sept. 19	at Dallas	Texas Stadium	5-7	5-3	0-4
Sept. 25	NEW ENGLAND	Silverdome	3-2	1-0	2-1
Oct. 2	at Tampa Bay	Tampa Stadium	16-16	9-7	7-9
Oct. 9	SAN FRANCISCO	Silverdome	25-26-1	15-11	10-15-1
Oct. 23	CHICAGO	Silverdome	49-74-5	30-32-1	19-42-4
Oct. 30	New York Giants	Giants Stadium	17-15-1	12-5-1	5-10
Nov. 6	Green Bay	Milwaukee County Stad.	56-64-7	33-27-2	23-37-5
Nov. 13	TAMPA BAY	Silverdome	16-16	9-7	7-9
Nov. 20	at Chicago	Soldier Field	49-74-5	30-32-1	19-42-4
Nov. 24	BUFFALO	Silverdome	2-1-1	1-1	1-0-1
Dec. 4	GREEN BAY	Silverdome	56-64-7	33-27-2	23-37-5
Dec. 10	at New York Jets	Giants Stadium	3-3	3-2	0-1
Dec. 17	MINNESOTA	Silverdome	23-40-2	13-20-1	10-20-1
Dec. 25	at Miami	Joe Robbie Stadium	2-2	2-1	0-1

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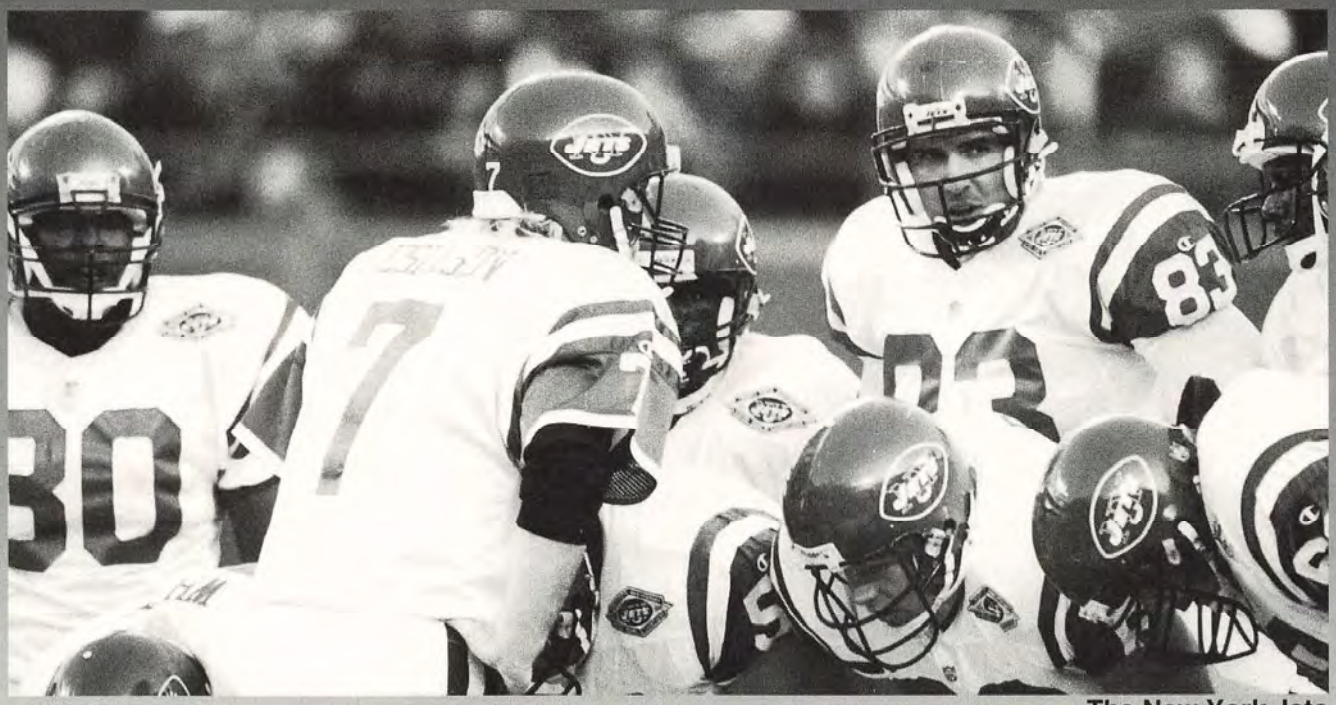

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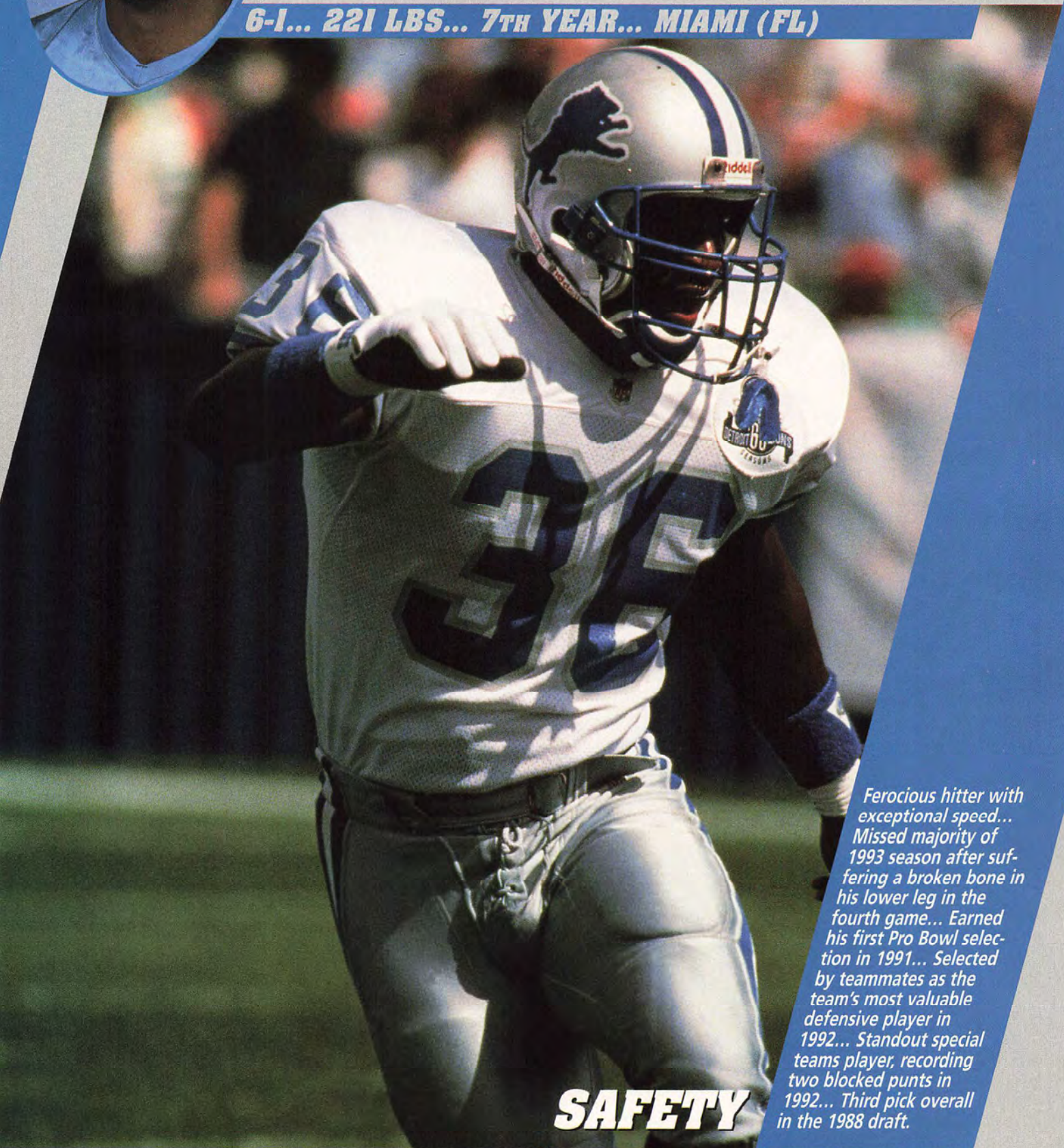
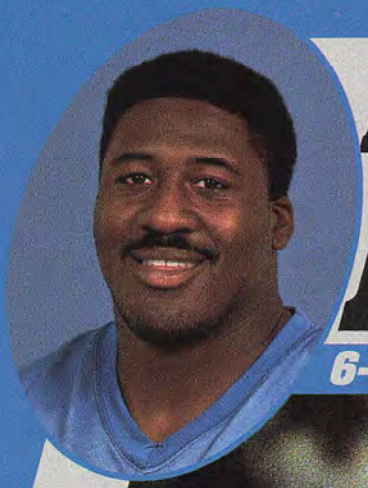
6-1... 221 LBS... 7TH YEAR... MIAMI (FL)



SAFETY

Ferocious hitter with exceptional speed... Missed majority of 1993 season after suffering a broken bone in his lower leg in the fourth game... Earned his first Pro Bowl selection in 1991... Selected by teammates as the team's most valuable defensive player in 1992... Standout special teams player, recording two blocked punts in 1992... Third pick overall in the 1988 draft.

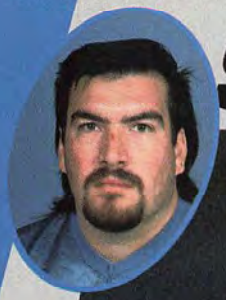


LOMAS BROWN 75

6-4... 287 LBS... 10TH YEAR... FLORIDA

Top-notch offensive tackle entering his tenth season with Detroit... Injuries limited him to ten starts in 1993... Earned fourth consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl following 1993 season... Has started every game he has played in as a Lion... Sixth player selected in the 1985 draft.

TACKLE



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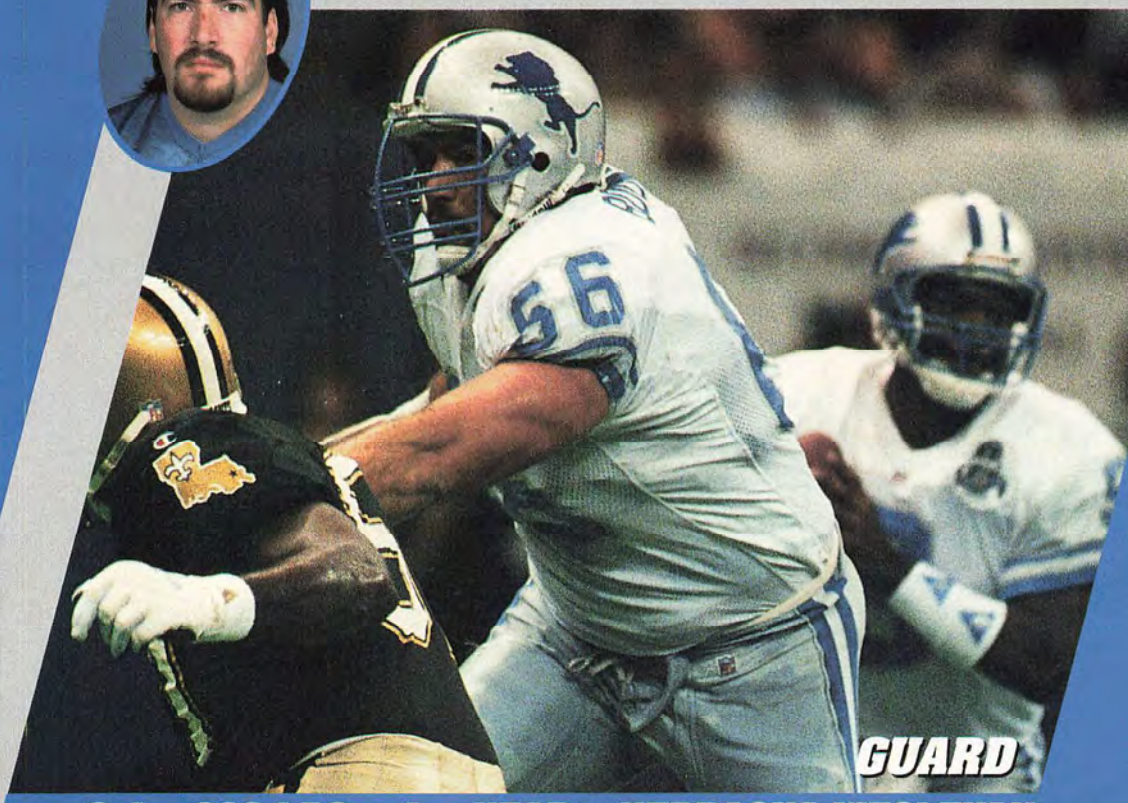
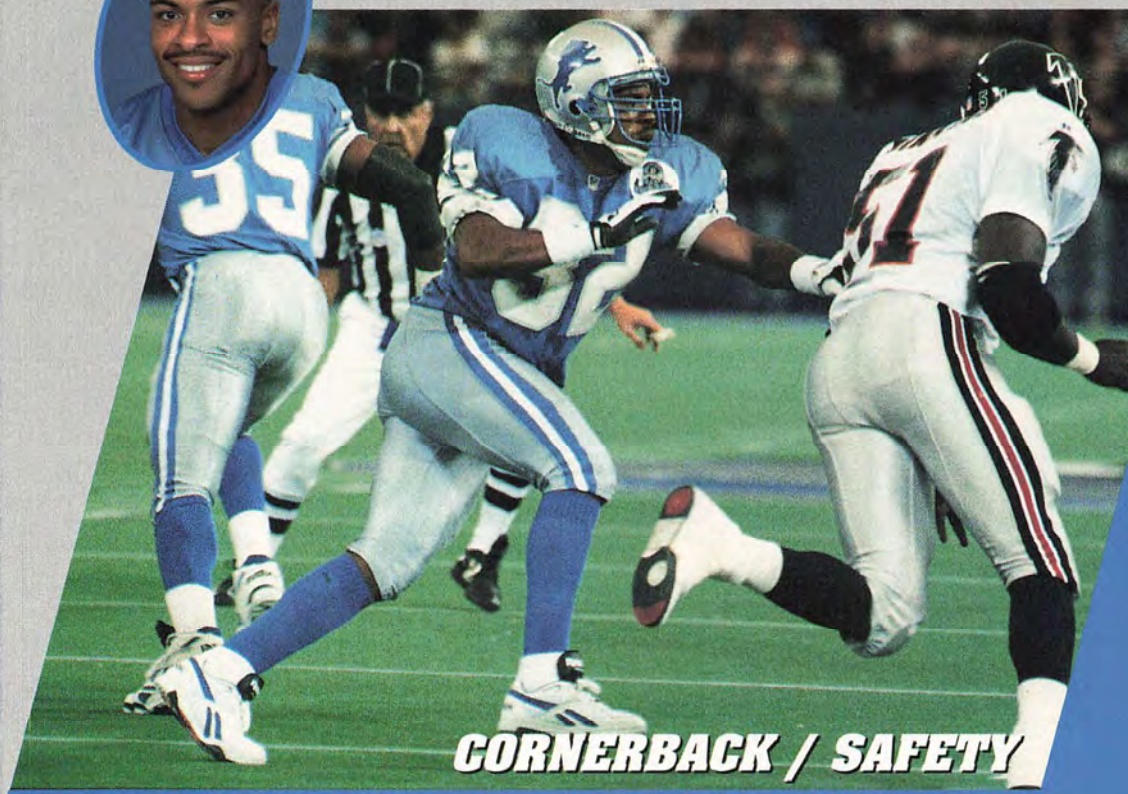


GUARD

6-4... 290 LBS... 4TH YEAR... NEBRASKA-WESLEYAN

Sturdy lineman with solid technical skills and good balance... Should push for a starting position in 1994... Played in 15 contests in 1993, starting one game... Started every game at left guard in 1992, one of only two offensive linemen to start all 16 games... Joined the Lions as a free agent in 1991.

WILLIE CLAY 32

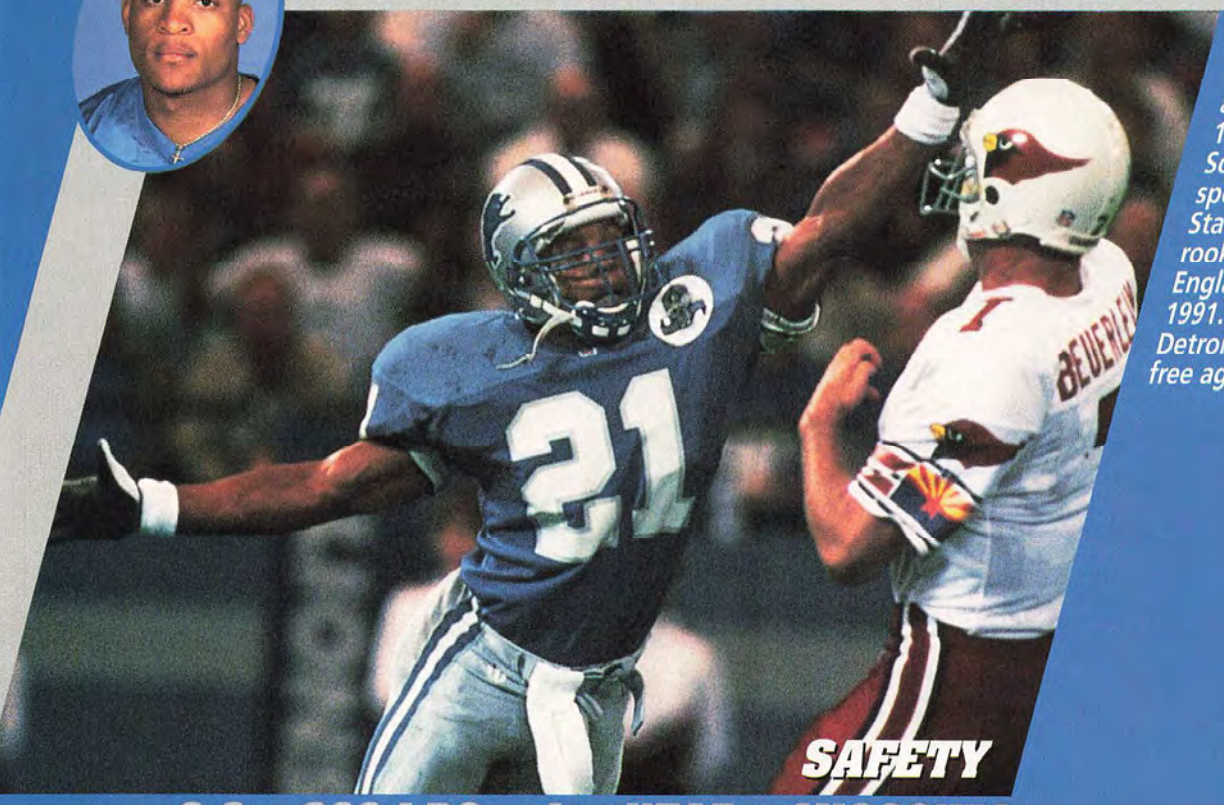


CORNERBACK / SAFETY

5-9... 184 LBS... 3RD YEAR... GEORGIA TECH

Vastly improved defensive back following move from cornerback to safety in 1993 preseason... Started one contest in 1993 while playing in all 16 games... Returned two fumbles for touchdowns in 1993... Led Detroit's special teams with 11 tackles... Eighth round draft choice by Detroit in 1992.

HARRY COLON 21

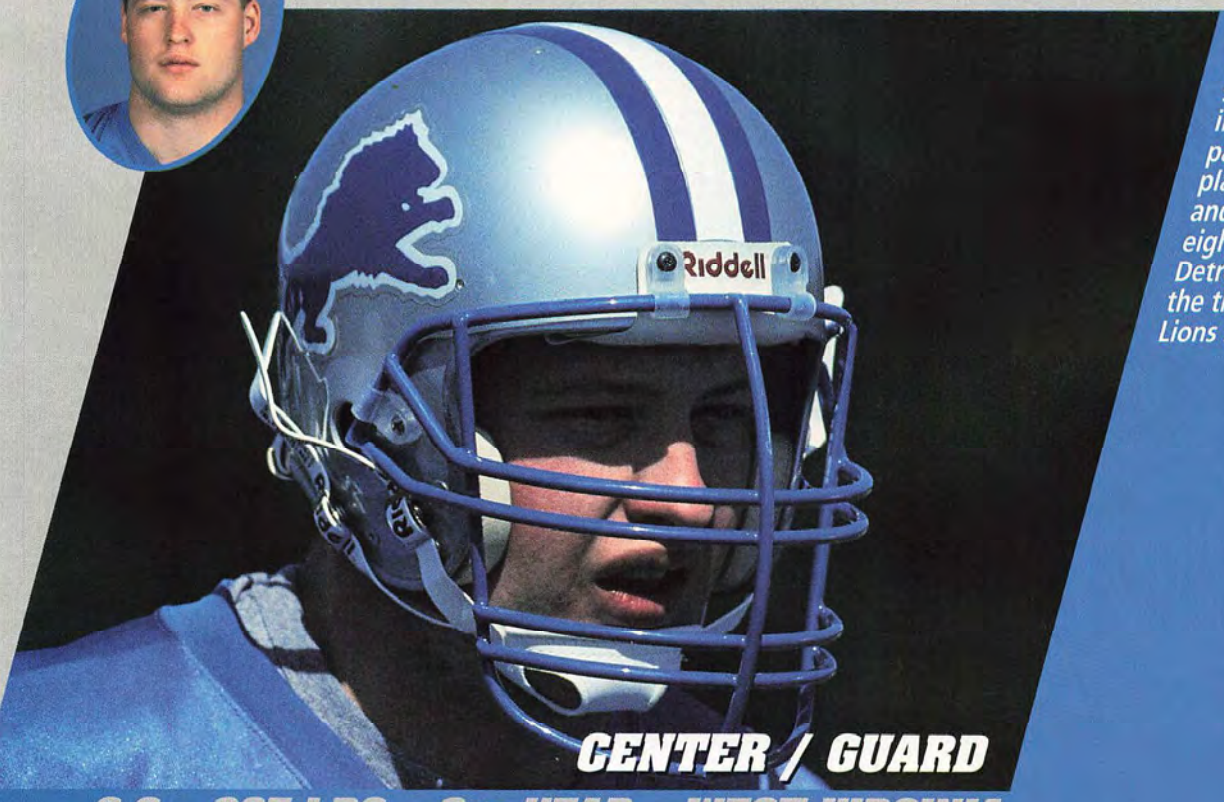


SAFETY

6-0... 203 LBS... 4TH YEAR... MISSOURI

Quality backup with valuable experience as a starter, earning 11 starts in 1993... Solid contributor on special teams... Started 14 games as a rookie with the New England Patriots in 1991... Signed with Detroit as a Plan B free agent in 1992.

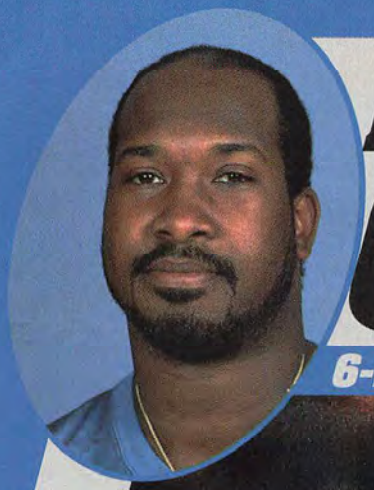
MIKE COMPTON 77



CENTER / GUARD

6-6... 297 LBS... 2ND YEAR... WEST VIRGINIA

Physically strong lineman who made steady improvement in his rookie campaign... Capable of playing both center and guard... Played in eight games with Detroit... Selected in the third round by the Lions in 1993.



KEVIN GLOVER

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6-2... 282 LBS... 10TH YEAR... MARYLAND

CENTER

Anchor on the Lions offensive line... Started all 16 contests in 1993 after recovering from a broken leg in 1992 that limited him to seven starts... Recipient of the Lions' Ed Block Courage Award in 1993... Versatile lineman who started at guard for the Lions before settling in as the starting center in 1989... Selected in the second round by Detroit in the 1985 draft.

MEL GRAY 23

5-9... 171 LBS... 9TH YEAR... PURDUE

Regarded as one of the game's top return men... On the verge of becoming the NFL's most prolific kickoff return man with 6,395 kick-off return yards and 264 kickoff returns, needing 528 kickoff return yards and 12 returns to move past Ron Smith (6,922 yards on 275 kickoff returns) and become the NFL's all-time leader in both categories... Selected as a member of the Sporting News All-Pro team in 1993... In 1991 he became the first player in NFL history to lead the league in both kick-off and punt returns in the same season... Signed by the Lions as a Plan B free agent in 1989.

WIDE RECEIVER / KICK RETURNER

JASON HANSON 4

5-11... 183 LBS... 3RD YEAR... WASHINGTON ST.

Exceptionally accurate kicker from short range with the leg strength to connect from 50-plus yards... Scored 130 points in 1993, breaking the club record of 128 points established in 1950 by Hall of Famer Doak Walker... Voted the Lions' Special Teams MVP in 1993 and selected to the Sporting News All-Pro team in 1993... Has not missed a kick from inside 43 yards (42-42) in his two year NFL career... Booted a career-long 53-yarder in the 1993 season finale against Green Bay... Selected in the second round of the 1992 draft by the Lions.

PLACEKICKER

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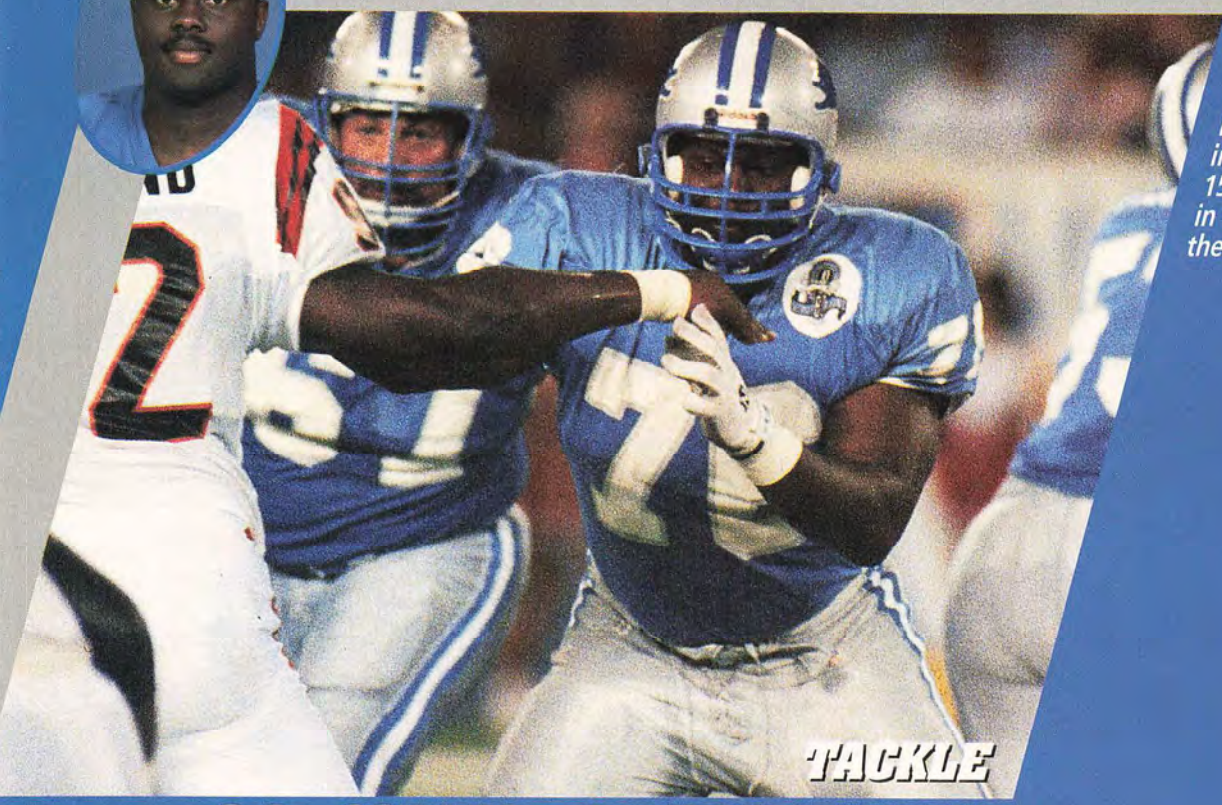
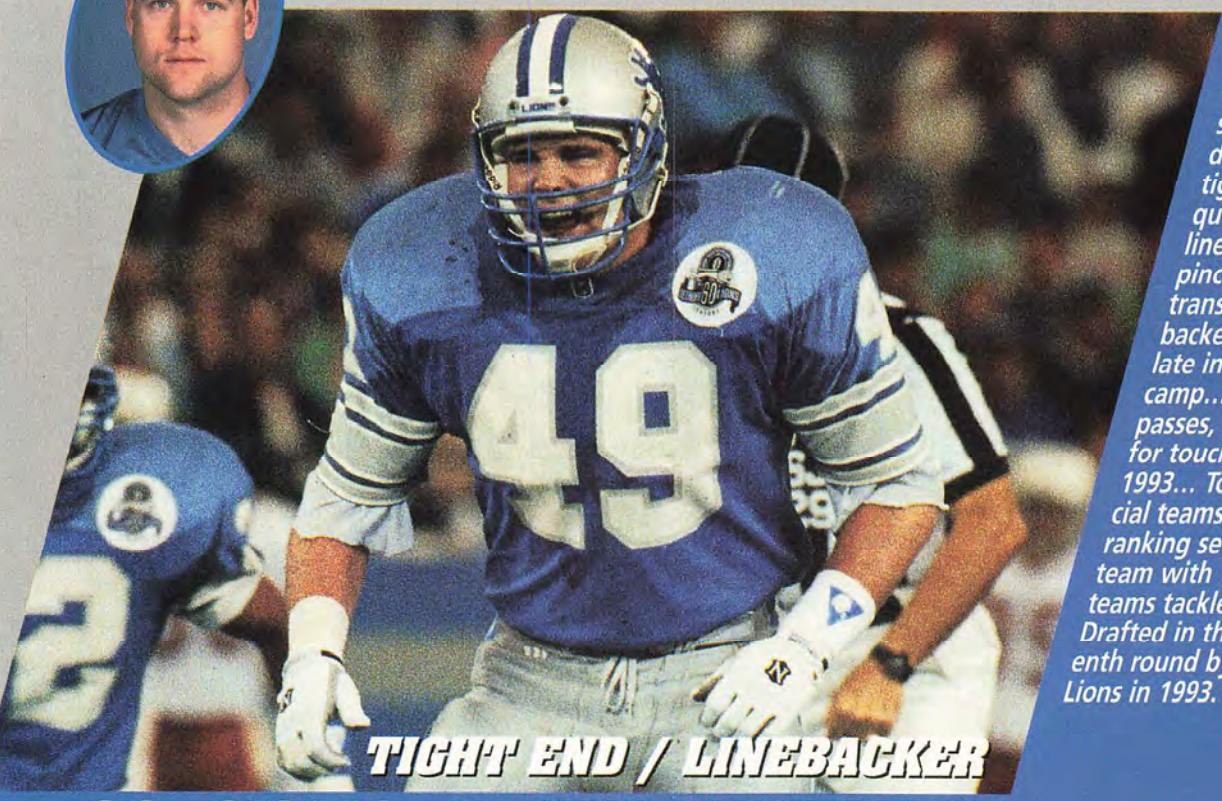


TACKLE

6-4... 285 LBS... 4TH YEAR... PURDUE

Proven backup lineman with good footwork and agility... Has started 18 games in his career, including 15 in 1992... Drafted in the fifth round by the Lions in 1991.

TY HALLOCK 49

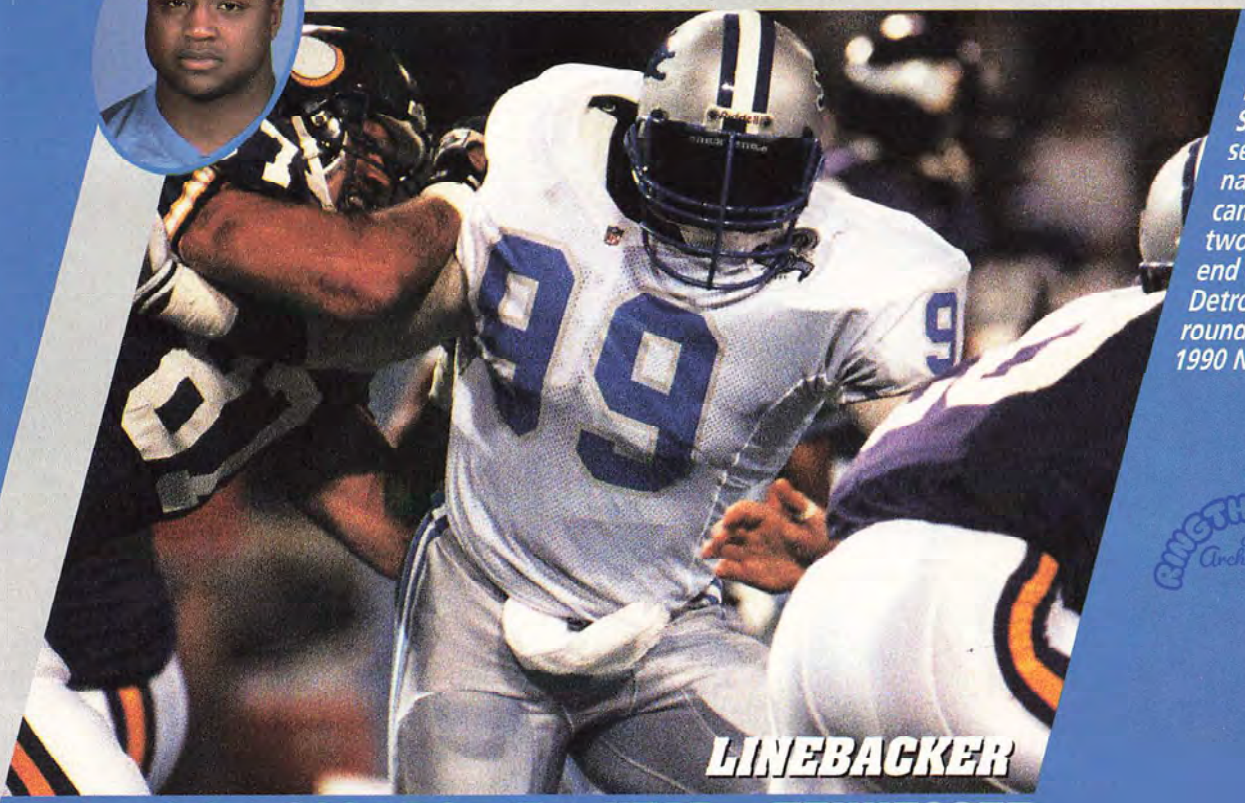


TIGHT END / LINEBACKER

6-3... 249 LBS... 2ND YEAR... MICHIGAN ST.

Rugged player with good hands and performs well in blocking situations... Adds depth to the Lions at tight end and has the qualifications to play linebacker in a pinch... Made smooth transition from linebacker to tight end late in training camp... Caught eight passes, including two for touchdowns in 1993... Top-notch special teams player, ranking second on the team with 10 special teams tackles... Drafted in the seventh round by the Lions in 1993.

TRACY HAYWORTH 99



Pass rushing specialist with the ability to make the big play... Started out the 1993 season slow due to nagging injuries but came on strong with two sacks near the end of the season... Detroit's seventh round selection in the 1990 NFL Draft.

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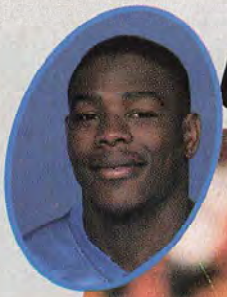
6-3... 260 LBS... 5TH YEAR... TENNESSEE



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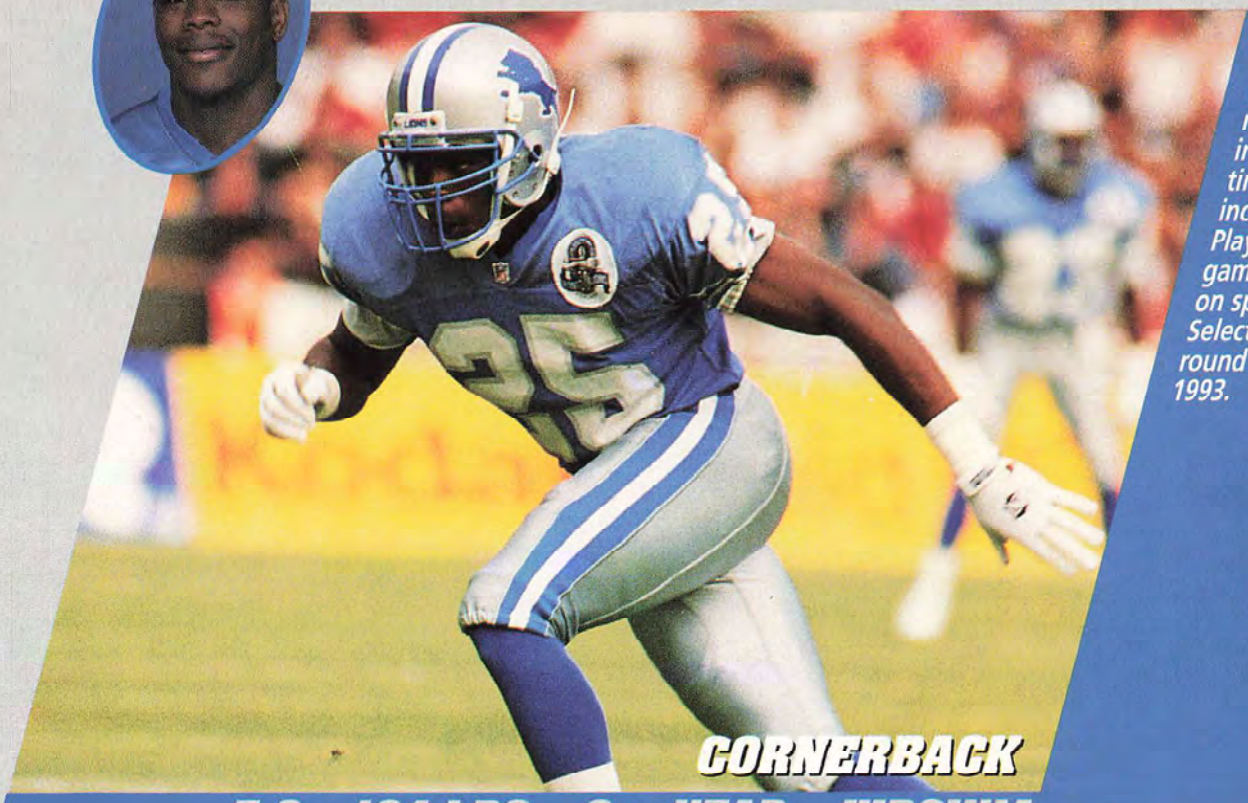
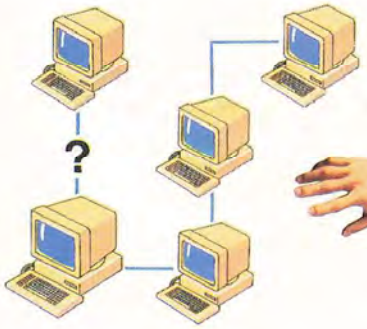


Inexperienced cornerback but capable of covering man-to-man... Seeking increased playing time in 1994 with increased maturity... Played in seven games in 1993, mainly on special teams... Selected in the sixth round by the Lions in 1993.

5-9... 184 LBS... 2ND YEAR... VIRGINIA



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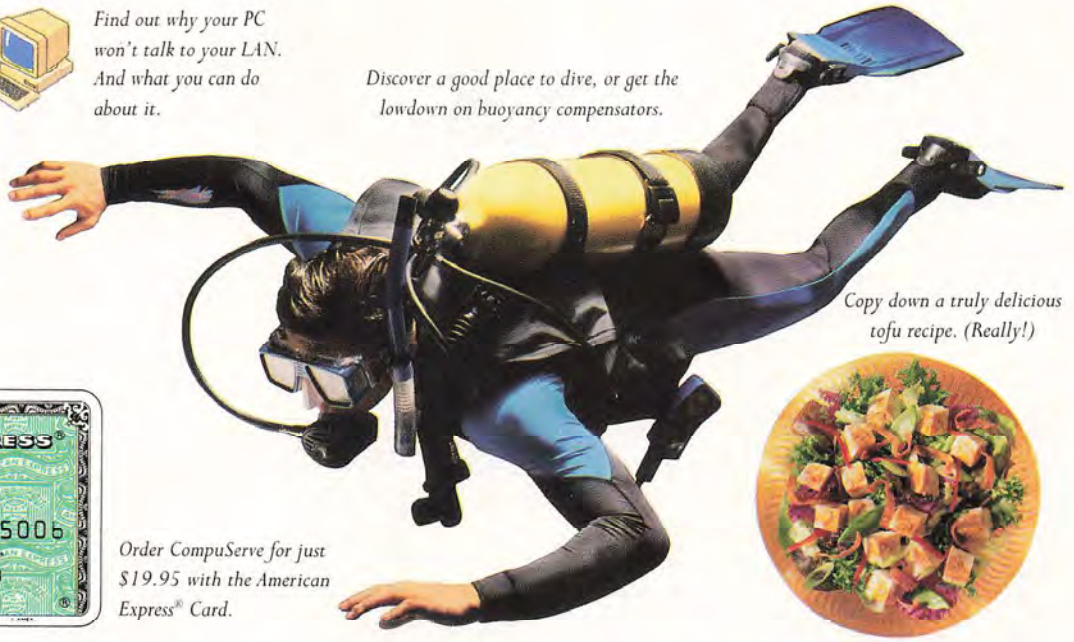

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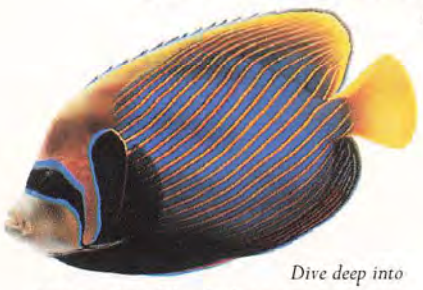

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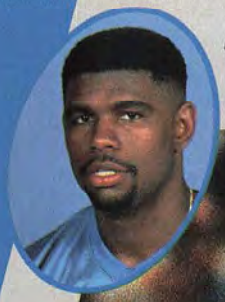

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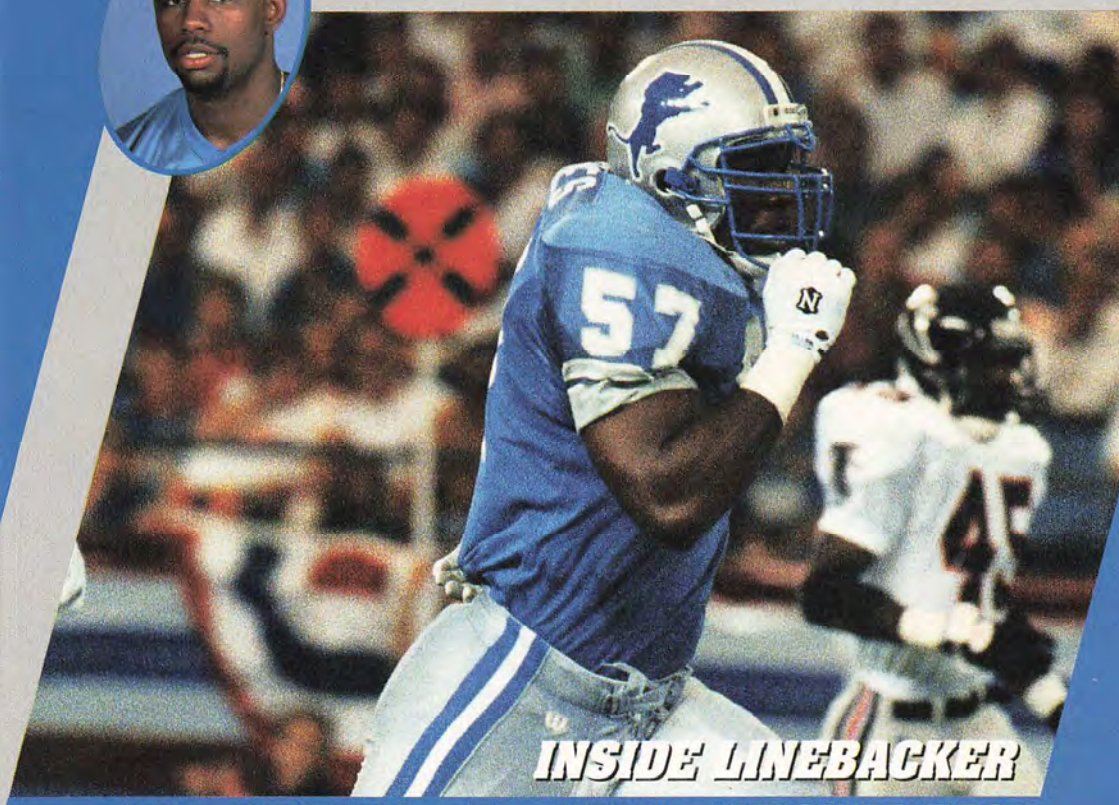
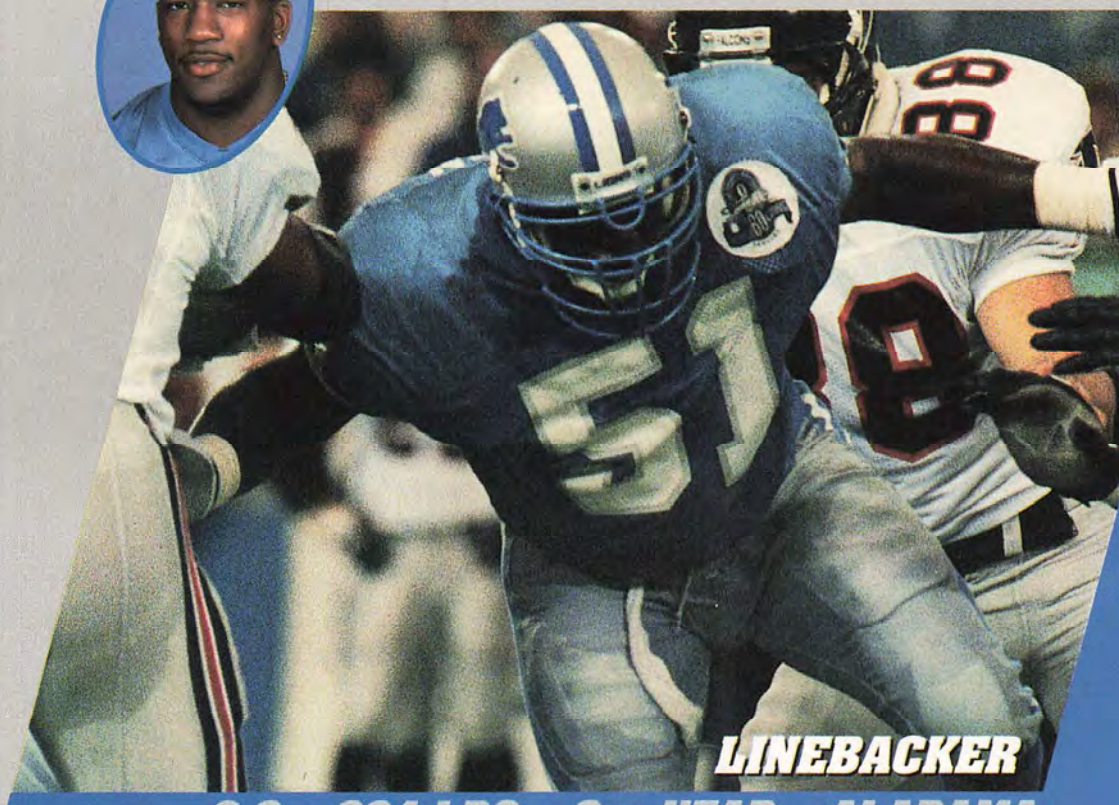


INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2... 240 LBS... 7TH YEAR... VIRGINIA TECH

Valuable member of the Lions' special teams units and a dependable linebacker... Has performed well when called upon, starting 15 games in his career with Detroit... Detroit's first ever Plan B free agent signee in 1989... Originally a 12th round draft choice by Tampa Bay in 1988 draft.

ANTONIO LONDON 55

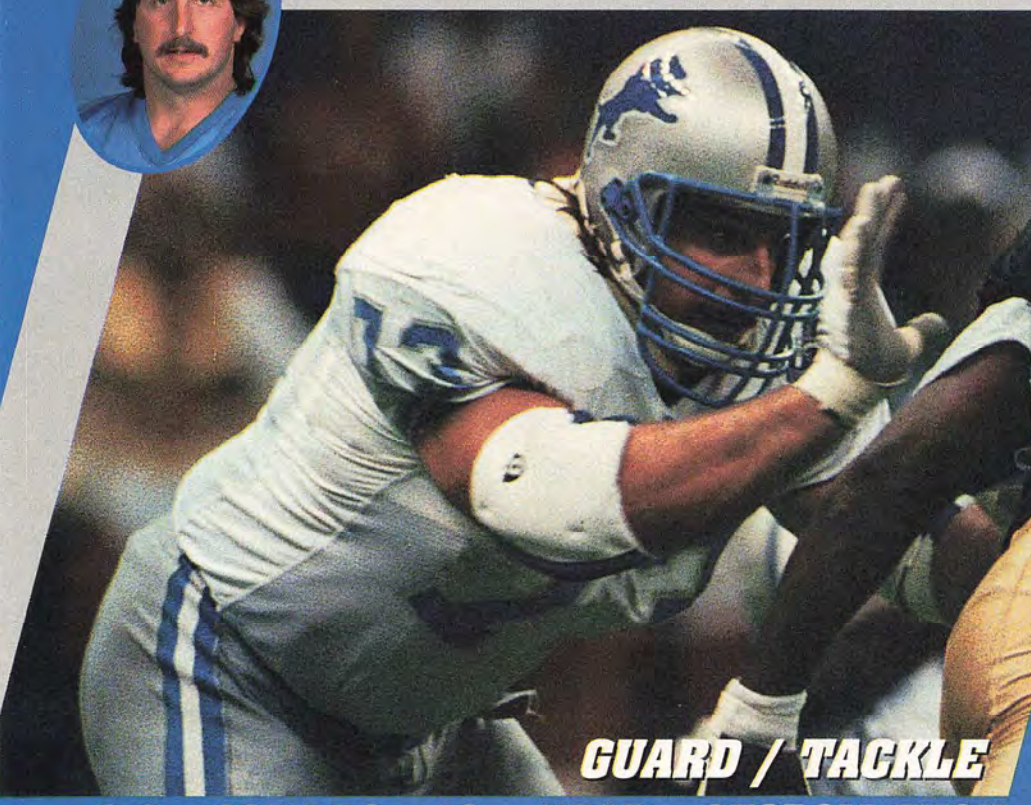


LINEBACKER

6-2... 234 LBS... 2ND YEAR... ALABAMA

Athletic linebacker with exceptional speed for rushing the passer... Looks for increased playing time in 1994... Showed improvement throughout the season as he registered one sack and applied consistent pressure when he played... Tallied eight special teams tackles... Detroit's third round draft choice in 1993.

DAVID LUTZ 73

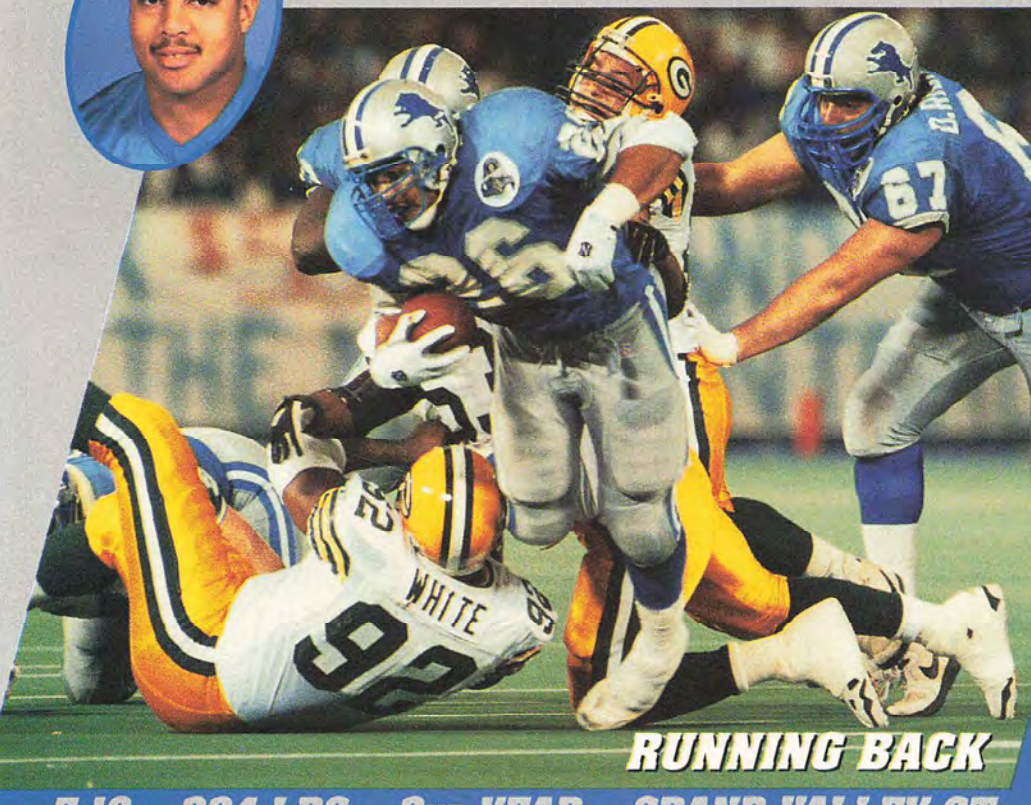


GUARD / TACKLE

6-6... 305 LBS... 12TH YEAR... GEORGIA TECH

Seasoned veteran offensive lineman with experience at both offensive guard and tackle... Excels as a power run blocker... Started all 16 games at offensive tackle for Detroit in 1993 after holding down a starting guard position with the Kansas City Chiefs the previous four seasons... Played tackle his first six seasons in Kansas City after joining the Chiefs as a second round draft pick in 1983... Signed by the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1993.

ERIC LYNCH 26

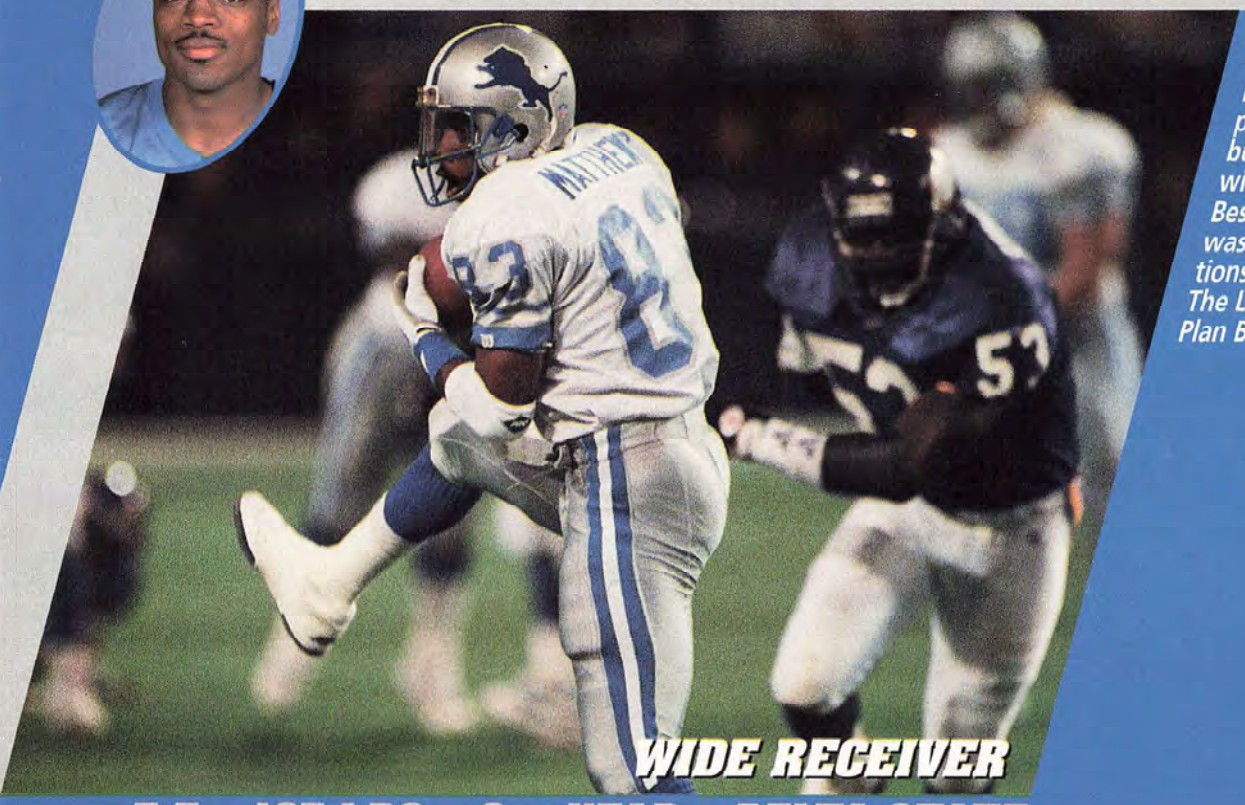


RUNNING BACK

5-10... 224 LBS... 2ND YEAR... GRAND VALLEY ST.

Pleasant surprise for the Lions in 1993, adding valuable depth at the running back position... Rumbled for a career-record 115 yards in the season finale against Green Bay... Joined Detroit's active roster after spending the majority of his first season and a half on the Lions Practice Squad... Signed by the Lions as a free agent in 1992.

AUBREY MATTHEWS 83

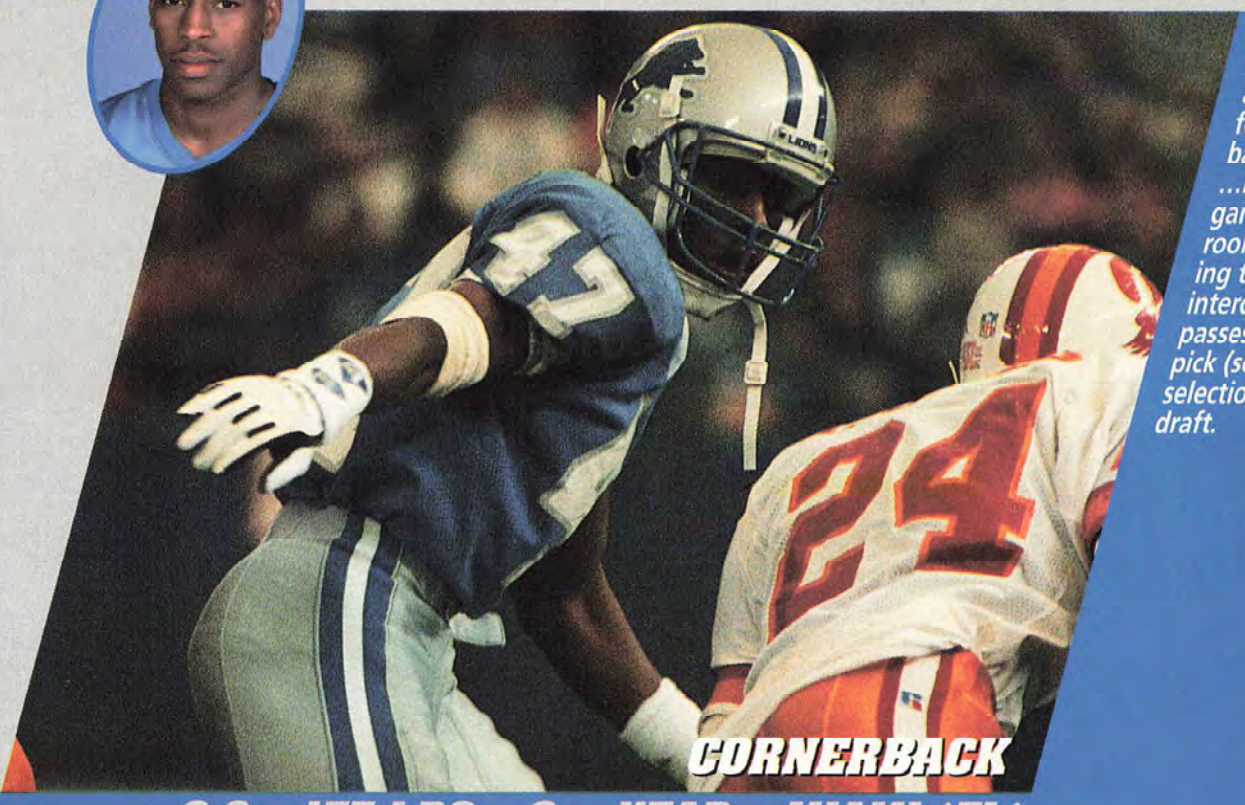


WIDE RECEIVER

5-7... 165 LBS... 9TH YEAR... DELTA STATE

Versatile receiver with outstanding speed... Durable enough to play the slot position but can play outside with his quickness... Best season in Detroit was 1990 (30 receptions for 349 yards)... The Lions first 1990 Plan B signee.

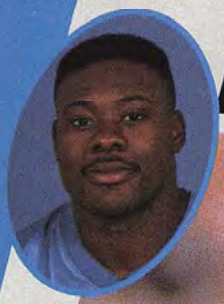
RYAN McNEIL 47



CORNERBACK

6-0... 175 LBS... 2ND YEAR... MIAMI (FL)

Recognized for his one-on-one coverage ability... Will compete for a starting cornerback position in 1994 ...Played in all 16 games during his rookie season, starting three contests and intercepting three passes... Detroit's first pick (second round selection) in the 1993 draft.



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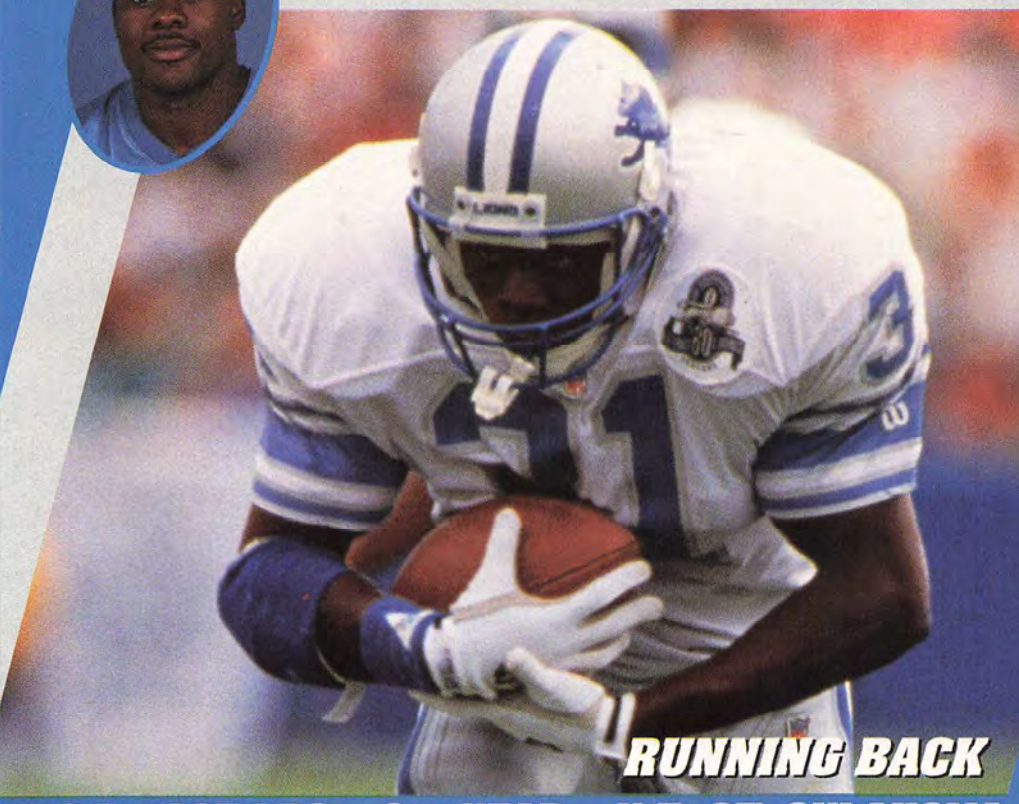
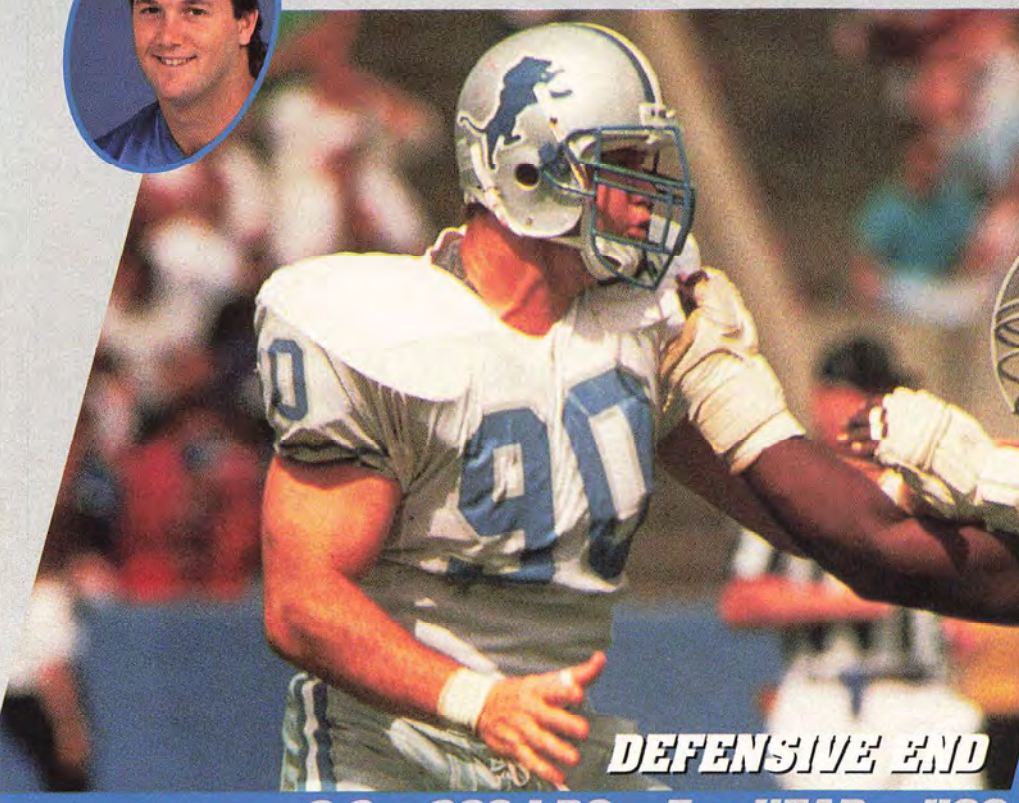


RUNNING BACK

6-1... 227 LBS... 3RD YEAR... N.E. ST. OKLAHOMA

Powerful running back with deceiving quickness... Outstanding in short-yardage situations and a key contributor on special teams... Receiving threat out of the backfield, leading the team in receptions in three consecutive games in 1993... Started three games in 1993, rushing for a career-high 107 yards against the Phoenix Cardinals... Signed by the Lions during pre-season in 1993 after being released by the Atlanta Falcons.

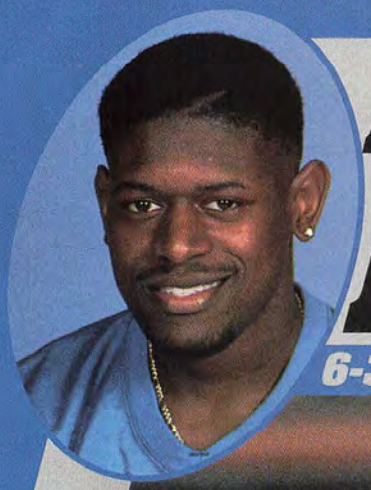
DAN OWENS 90



DEFENSIVE END

6-3... 280 LBS... 5TH YEAR... USC

Consistent performer on the defensive line, providing depth at defensive end and nose tackle... Plays the run well and has the ability to get to the quarterback... Expected to compete for a starting defensive end position in 1994... Started ten games in 1993, contributing three sacks... Selected in the second round of the 1990 draft.

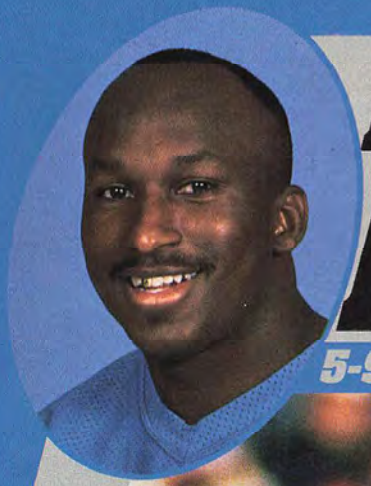


HERMAN MOORE 84

6-3... 210 LBS... 4TH YEAR... VIRGINIA

WIDE RECEIVER

Huge target with exceptional hands and athletic skills... Has demonstrated the ability to make the big play... Led the Lions in 1993 in receptions (61), receiving yards (935) and touchdown catches (6), including a 93-yard TD reception against Minnesota... Member of USA Today's All-Joe Team... Selected with the tenth pick of the first round in 1991 NFL Draft.



BRETT PERRIMAN 80

5-9... 180 LBS... 7TH YEAR... MIAMI (FL)

Talented athlete with exceptional hands and fantastic speed... Has been clocked at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash and his vertical jump has been measured at 35 inches... Has more receptions (170) than any other Lion since joining the club in 1991... Established a Detroit playoff record with 10 receptions and tied another team post-season record with 150 receiving yards against Green Bay in the playoffs... Acquired in a trade with the Saints at the end of training camp in 1991.

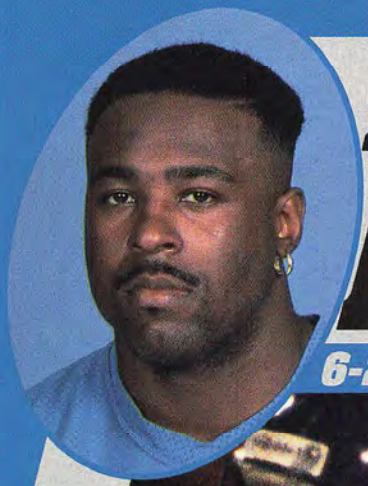
WIDE RECEIVER

ROBERT PORCHER 91

6-3... 283 LBS... 3RD YEAR... SOUTH CAROLINA ST.

Athletic lineman with superb quickness and strength... Will compete for starting defensive end position in 1994... Has demonstrated pass rushing prowess, leading the team in sacks with 8.5 in 1993... Started five games during the regular season in 1993, including the final four regular season games and the playoff game against Green Bay... The Lions first round pick in the 1992 draft.

DEFENSIVE END



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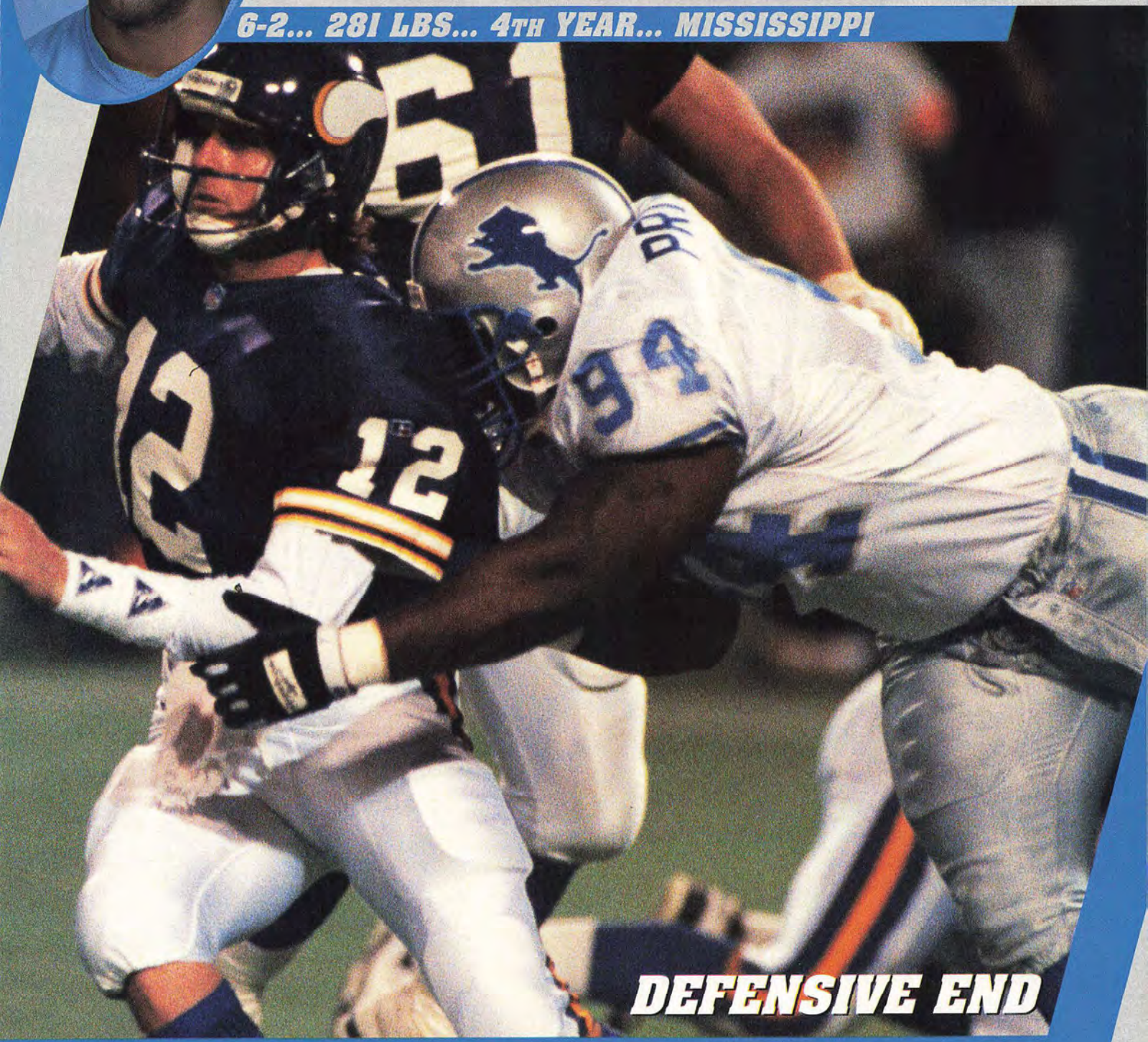
6-2... 281 LBS... 4TH YEAR... MISSISSIPPI

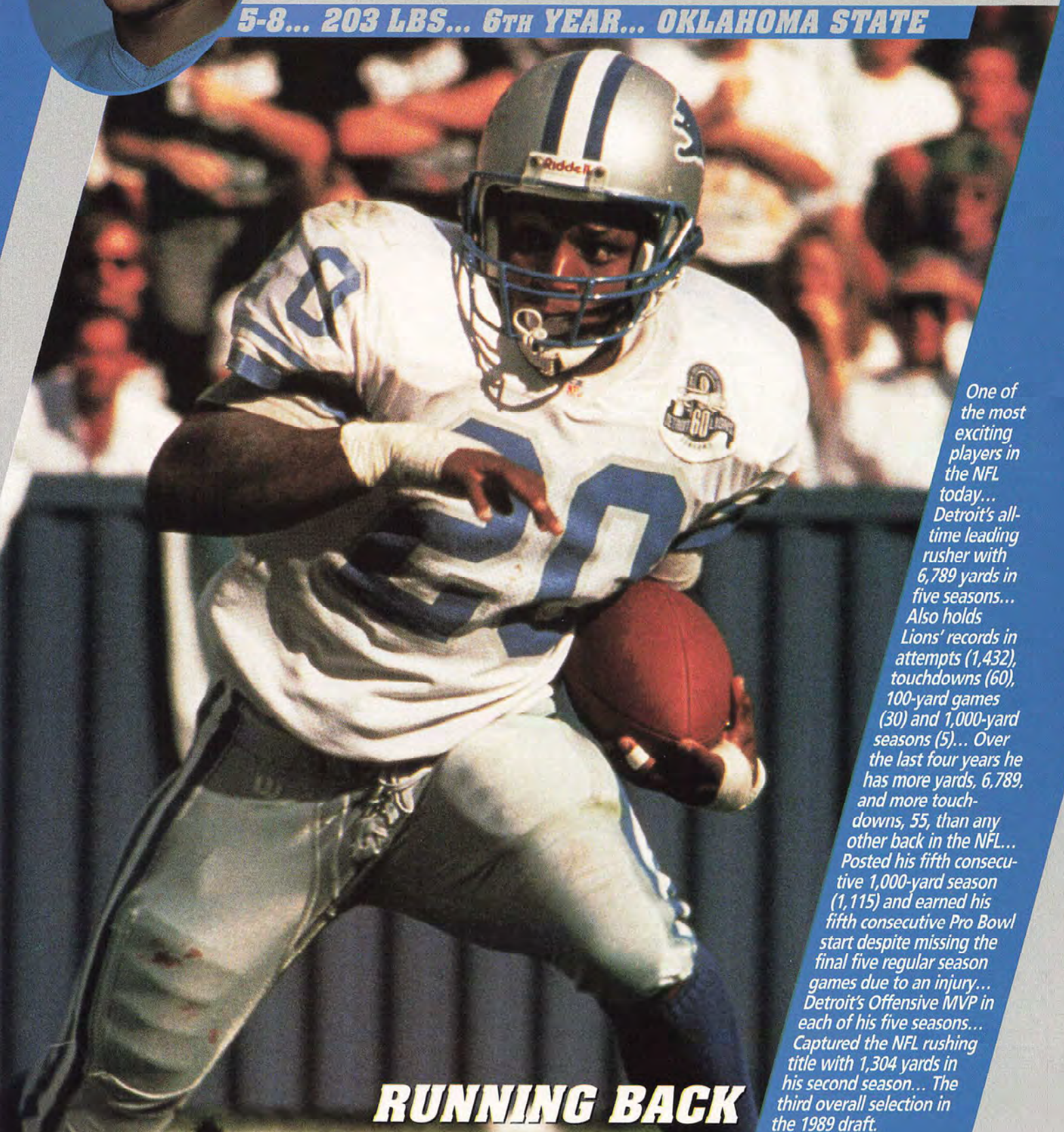


DEFENSIVE END

Consistent performer who is strong against the run with the ability to rush the passer... Looks to retain starting defensive end position after starting the last six games of the 1993 season, including the playoff game against Green Bay... Registered 10.5 sacks in last two seasons... Acquired in a 1991 draft day trade with Dallas... Originally selected with the 20th pick in the first round.

BARRY SANDERS 20

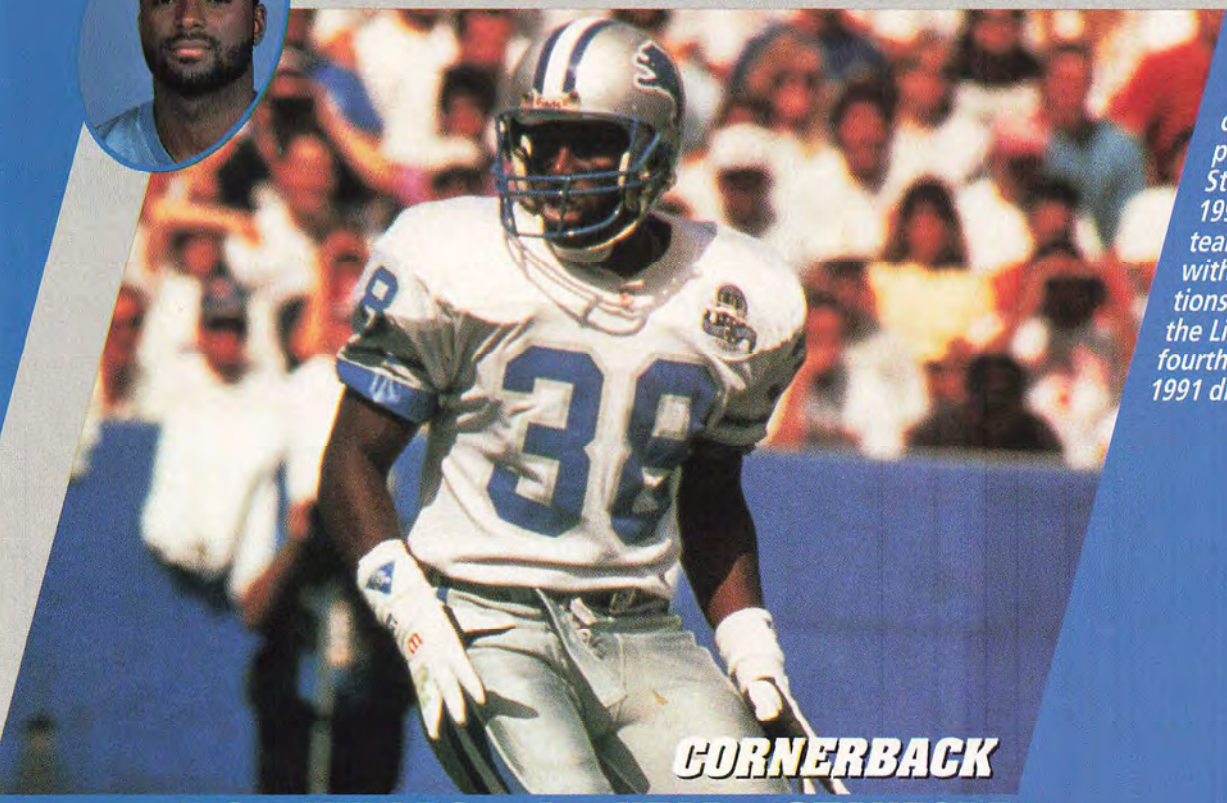
5-8... 203 LBS... 6TH YEAR... OKLAHOMA STATE



RUNNING BACK

One of the most exciting players in the NFL today... Detroit's all-time leading rusher with 6,789 yards in five seasons... Also holds Lions' records in attempts (1,432), touchdowns (60), 100-yard games (30) and 1,000-yard seasons (5)... Over the last four years he has more yards, 6,789, and more touchdowns, 55, than any other back in the NFL... Posted his fifth consecutive 1,000-yard season (1,115) and earned his fifth consecutive Pro Bowl start despite missing the final five regular season games due to an injury... Detroit's Offensive MVP in each of his five seasons... Captured the NFL rushing title with 1,304 yards in his second season... The third overall selection in the 1989 draft.

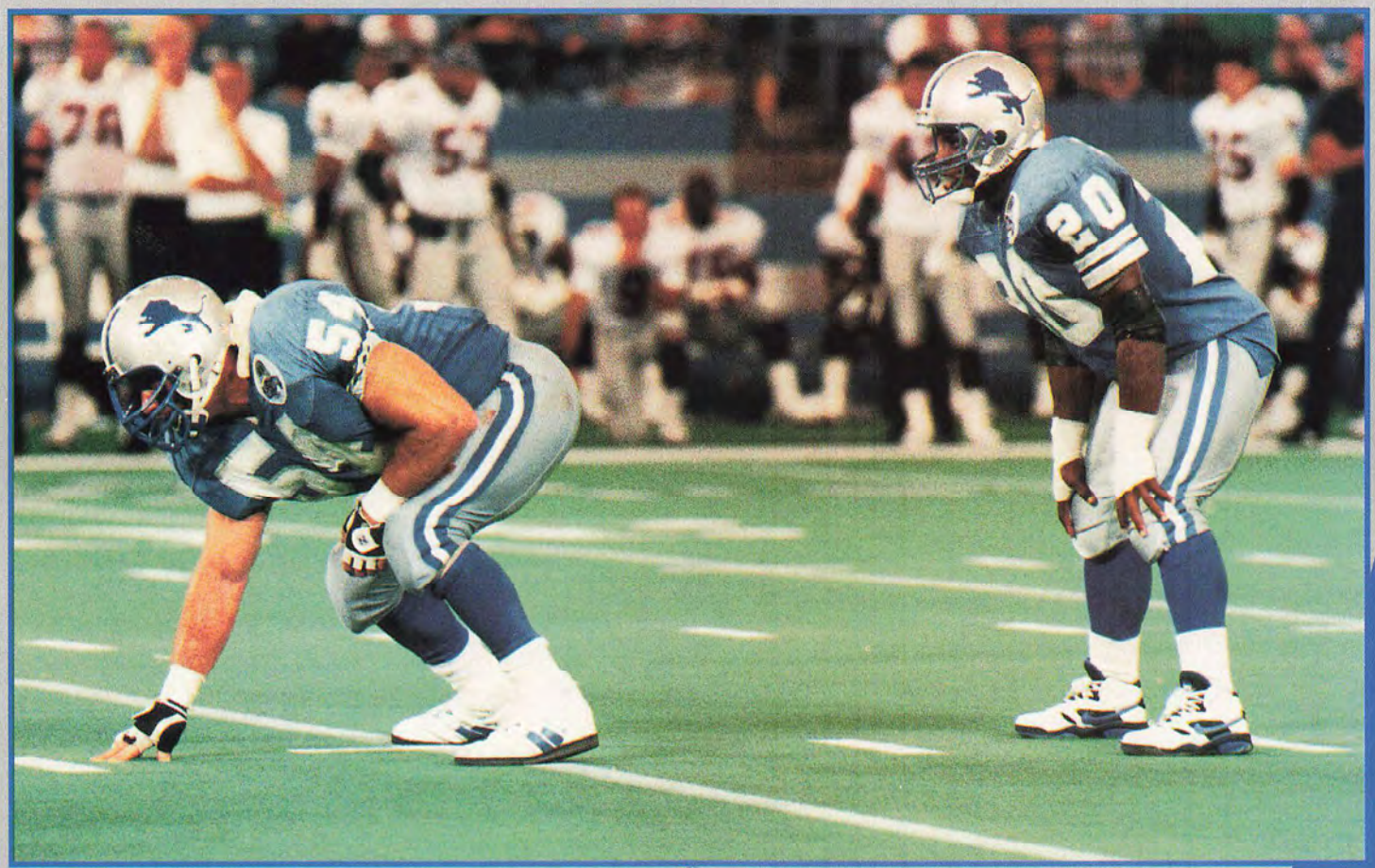
KEVIN SCOTT 38



Consistent cornerback with good coverage skills... Looking to compete for starting position in 1994... Started 10 games in 1993... Tied for the team lead in 1992 with four interceptions... Selected by the Lions in the fourth round of the 1991 draft.

CORNERBACK

5-9... 175 LBS... 4TH YEAR... STANFORD



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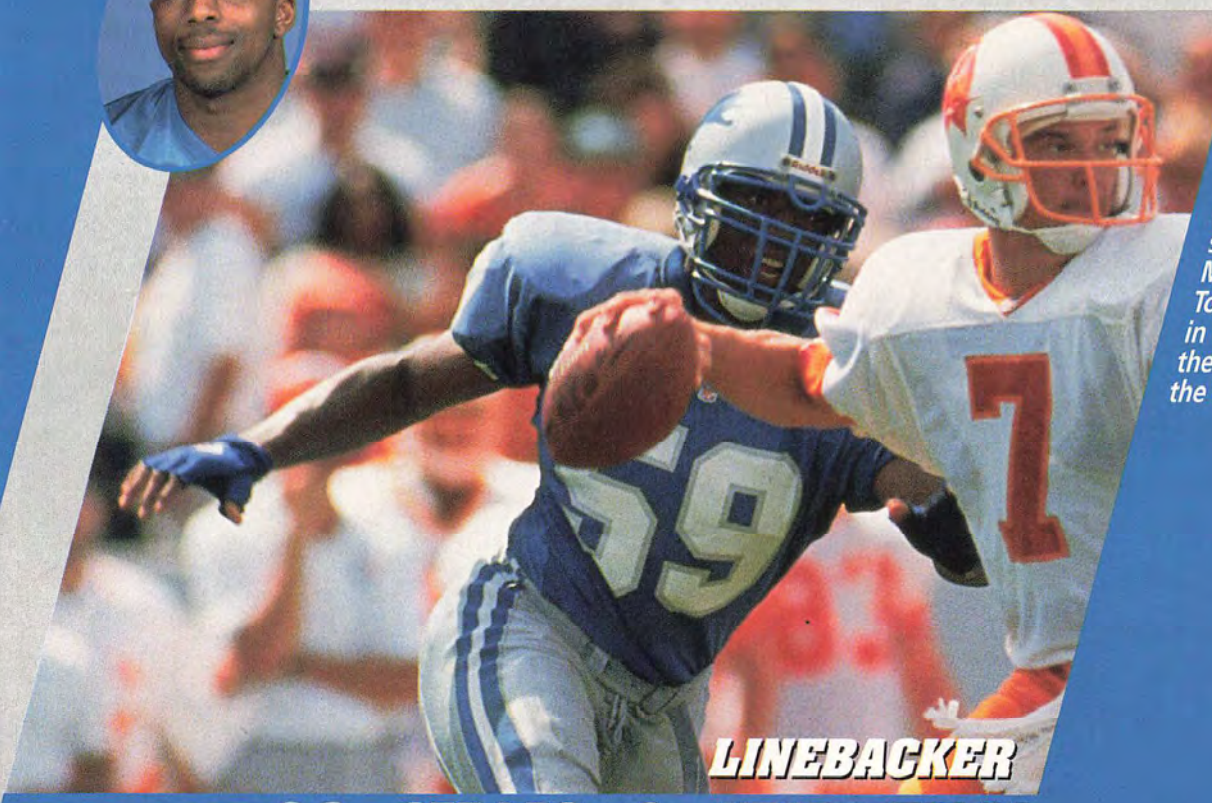


LINEBACKER

6-2... 255 LBS... 3RD YEAR... TULSA

Pass rushing specialist with tremendous speed to get around the corner... Led the Lions in sacks in 1992 with 7.5 and second on the team with 8.0 sacks in 1993... Member of the USA Today's All-Joe Team in 1993... Selected in the second round by the Lions in 1992.

LARRY THARPE 71

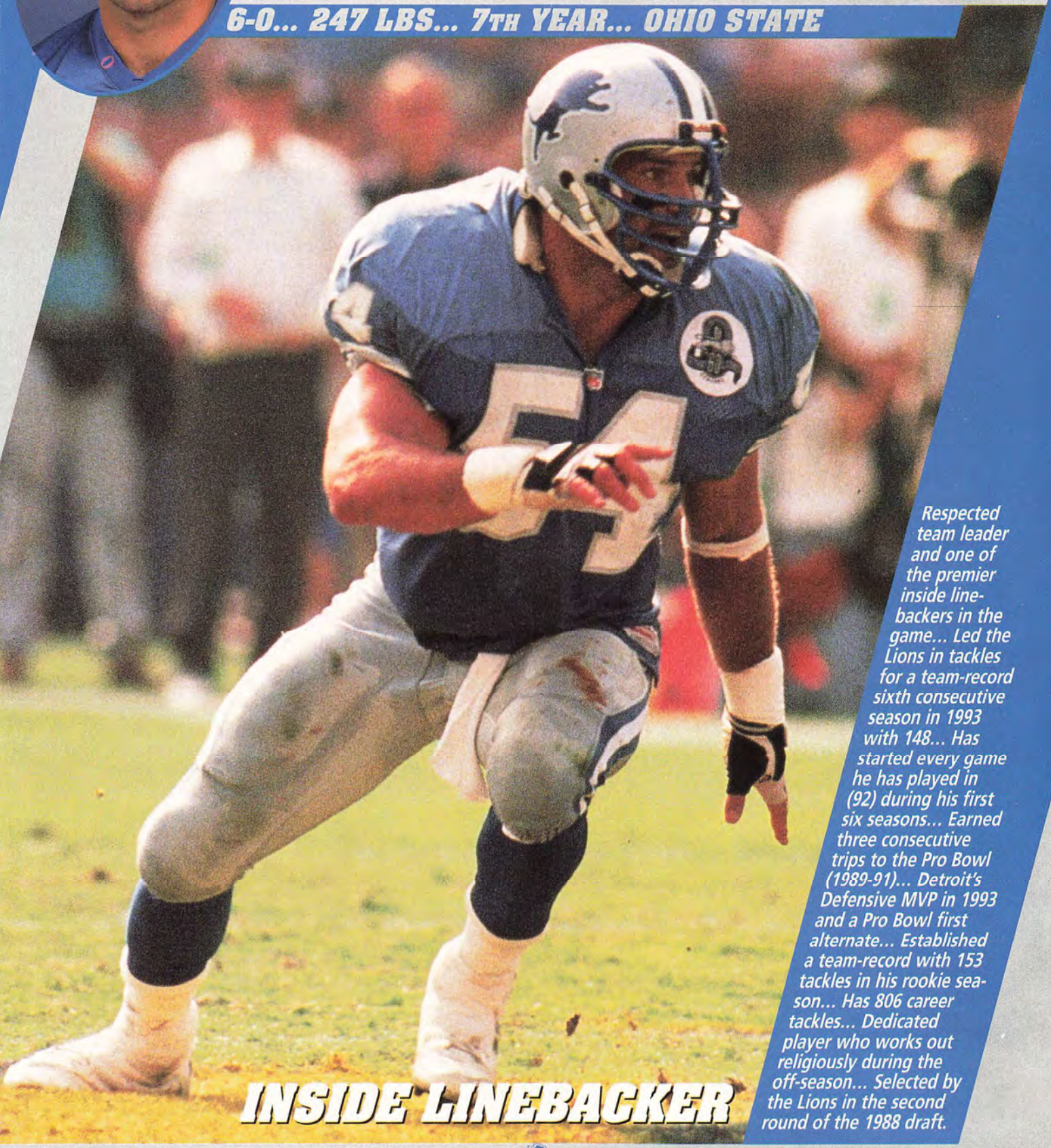
TACKLE

6-4... 299 LBS... 3RD YEAR... TENNESSEE ST.

Agile lineman with exceptional size... Dependable in pass protection... Provides the Lions with depth at the tackle position... Started three games and showed significant improvement in 1993... Detroit's sixth round draft pick in 1992.

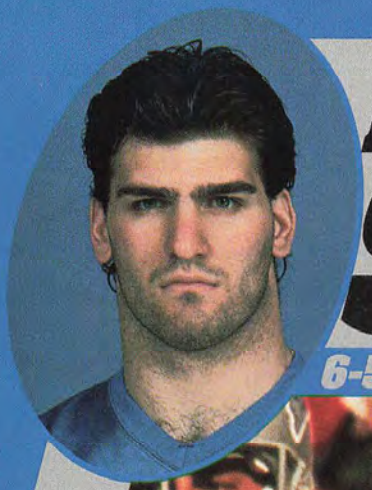
CHRIS SPIELMAN 54

6-0... 247 LBS... 7TH YEAR... OHIO STATE



INSIDE LINEBACKER

Respected team leader and one of the premier inside linebackers in the game... Led the Lions in tackles for a team-record sixth consecutive season in 1993 with 148... Has started every game he has played in (92) during his first six seasons... Earned three consecutive trips to the Pro Bowl (1989-91)... Detroit's Defensive MVP in 1993 and a Pro Bowl first alternate... Established a team-record with 153 tackles in his rookie season... Has 806 career tackles... Dedicated player who works out religiously during the off-season... Selected by the Lions in the second round of the 1988 draft.



MARC SPINDLER 93

6-5... 290 LBS... 5TH YEAR... PITTSBURGH

Tough lineman with exceptional strength... Outstanding against the run with the ability to get to the passer... Expected to move from defensive end to nose tackle in 1994... Missed most of his rookie campaign but has been a consistent starter ever since... Dedicated weight-lifter throughout the year... The Lions third round draft choice in 1990.

DEFENSIVE END

PAT SWILLING

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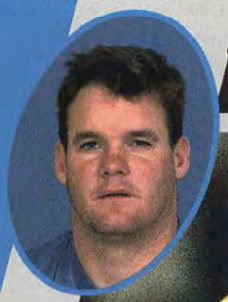
6-3... 242 LBS... 9TH YEAR... GEORGIA TECH

Top-flight pass rusher with the ability to dominate... Expected back at full strength in 1994 after injury-plagued campaign in 1993... Third on the team with 6.5 sacks in 1993... His 83 career sacks rank 17th on the NFL's all-time list... Selected to the Pro Bowl the last five seasons... Named the NFL Defensive Player-of-the-Year by AP and Football Digest in 1991... Acquired by the Lions in a trade on draft day, 1993.

LINEBACKER



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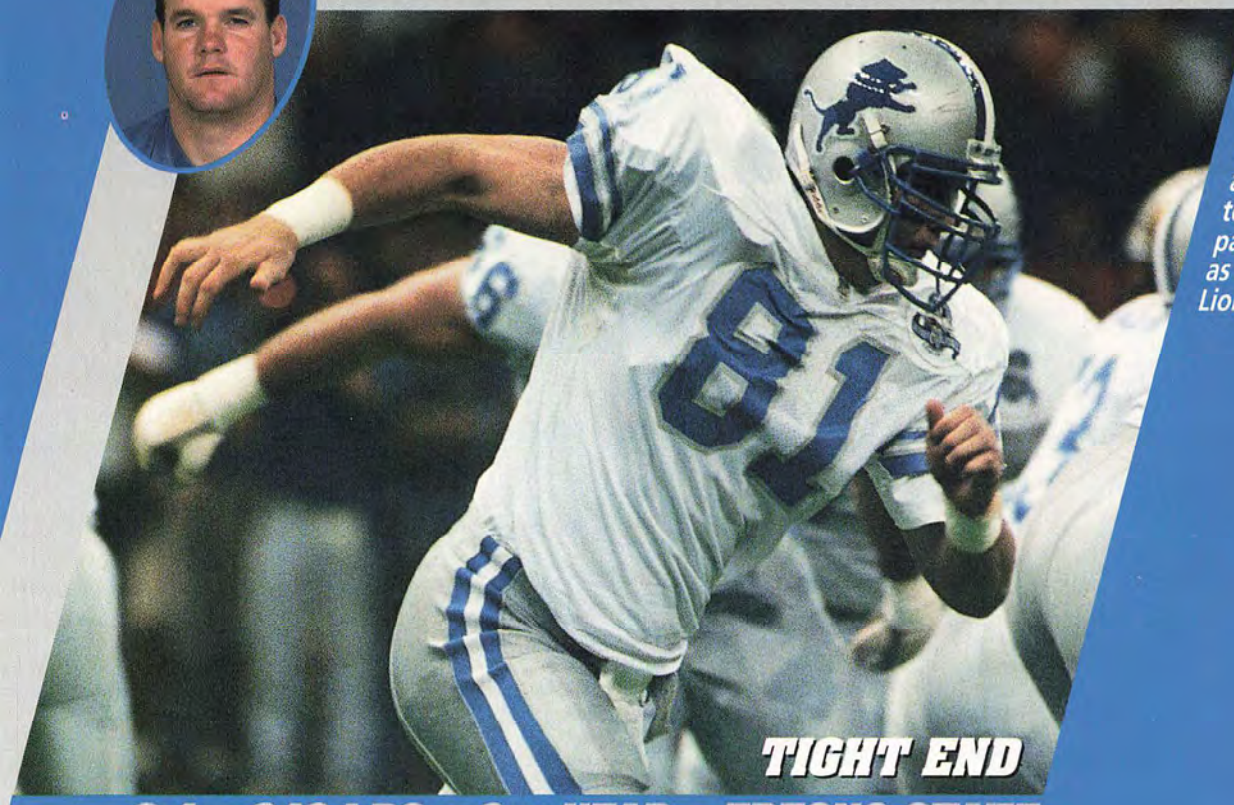
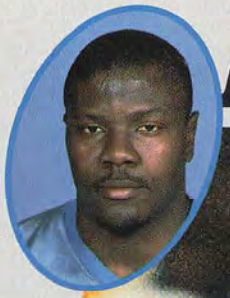


TIGHT END

6-4... 243 LBS... 2ND YEAR... FRESNO STATE

Big target with outstanding hands... Adds depth to the Lions at tight end... Started two games and played in six contests, catching one pass in 1993... Signed as a free agent by the Lions in 1993.



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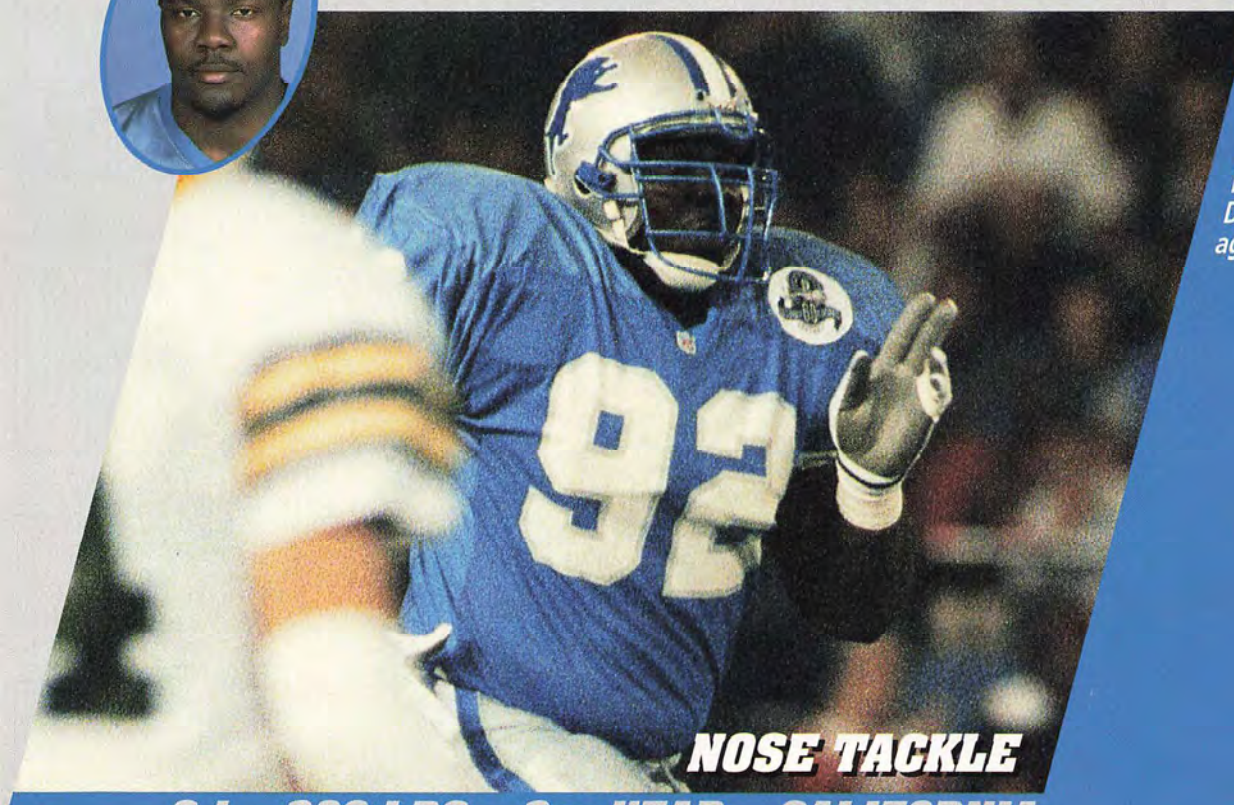

NOSE TACKLE

6-1... 280 LBS... 2ND YEAR... CALIFORNIA

Strong lineman who has an excellent shot at a roster spot in 1994... Played in four games with the Lions in 1993... Signed by Detroit as a free agent in 1993.

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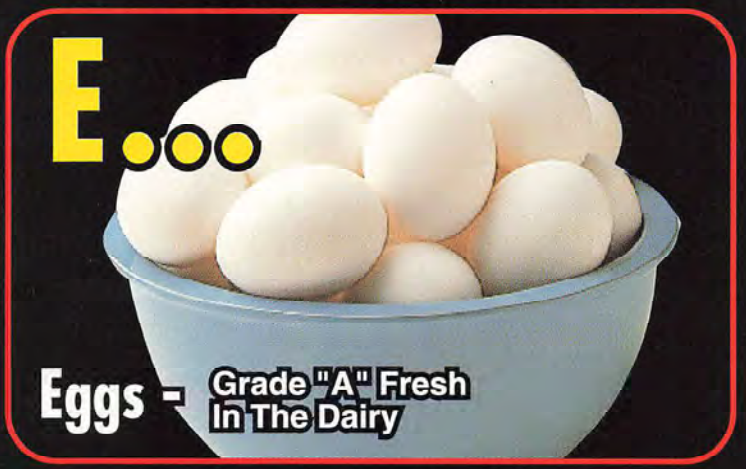

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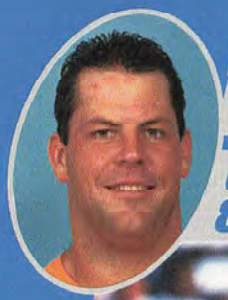
LIONS FREE AGENT UPDATE

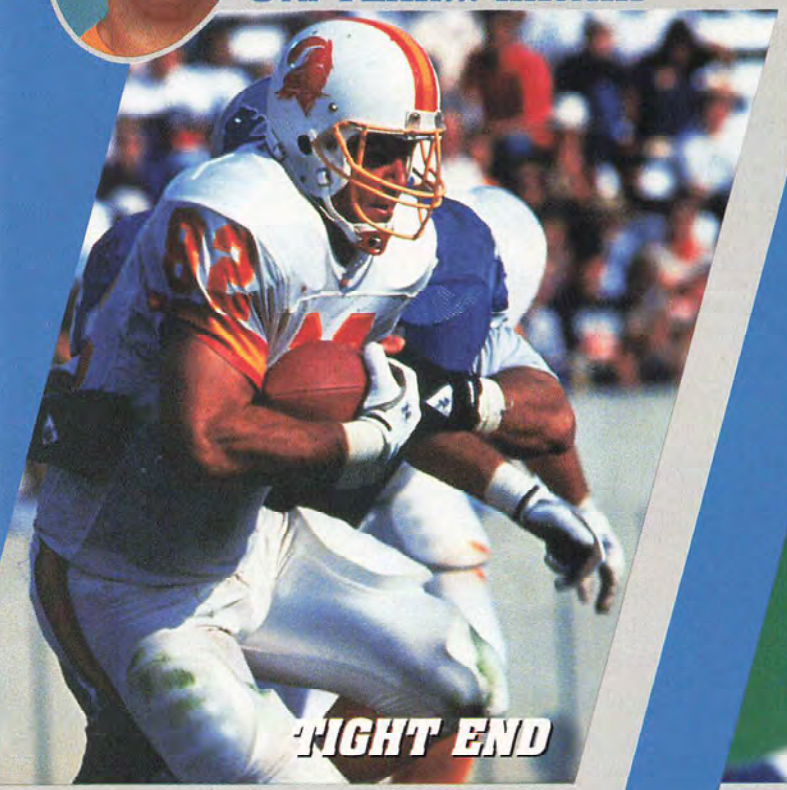
Creative bookkeeping by General Manager Chuck Schmidt has given the Lions an advantage over other NFC Central teams. Schmidt moved quickly last year to secure Detroit's best young players to multi-year contracts and front-loaded the deals to save room under the impending cap. Players such as Barry Sanders, Chris Spielman, Bennie Blades, Herman Moore, and Kevin Glover got the money they wanted and the club got the cap relief it needed. Schmidt also saved money when he flip-flopped the 1993 and '94 salaries for young players Jason Hanson, Tracy Scroggins and Kelvin Pritchett. In effect, Schmidt paid out $7 million in wages for work that has yet to be done. Normally, that's not considered good business practice. But with teams concerned by the salary cap, it turned out to be a stroke of genius. Schmidt deflects all praise, crediting Owner William Clay Ford's financial commitment and Coach Wayne Fontes' personnel moves.

Schmidt doesn't like giving big signing bonuses because of long-term implications, but he had to make an exception in his effort to lure quarterback Scott Mitchell, who admittedly was leaning toward the Vikings. The Lions gave their proposal some serious backbone by agreeing to a $5 million signing bonus. The Lions could afford the bonus in 1994 — and the Vikings could not — because of Schmidt's maneuvering in 1993. (Reprinted with permission from The Sporting News, *March 28, 1994*)



RON HALL 89

6-4... 245 LBS...
8TH YEAR... HAWAII

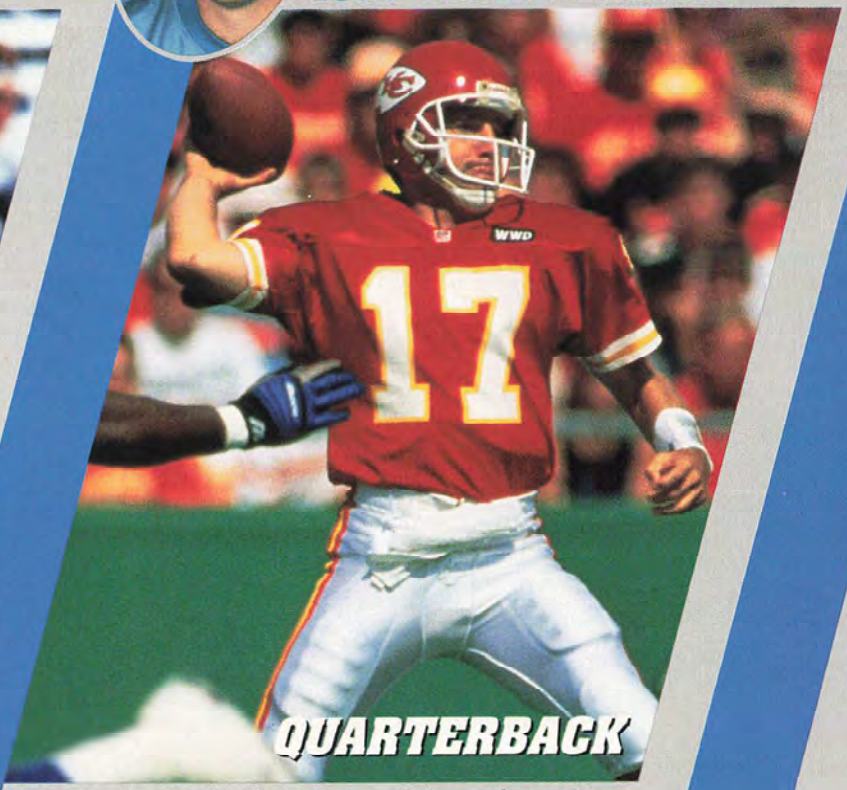


TIGHT END

Dependable all-around tight end, earning praise for his pass catching and blocking ...Will compete for the Lions' starting tight end position in 1994... Caught 209 passes for 2,422 yards in seven seasons with Tampa Bay... Signed by the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.

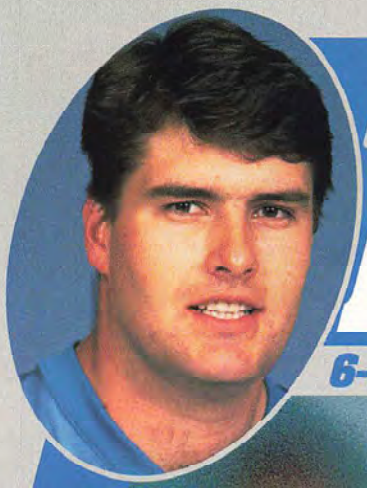
DAVE KRIEG 17

6-1... 202 LBS...
15TH YEAR... MILTON



QUARTERBACK

Veteran signal-caller that brings a plethora of experience to the Lions... Established himself as a productive starter with the Seattle Seahawks, earning three trips to the Pro Bowl... Spent the last two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, leading the Chiefs to a playoff berth in 1992... Played in 12 games with five starts (3-2 record) in 1993... Joined Detroit as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.



SCOTT MITCHELL

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6-6... 230 LBS... 5TH YEAR... UTAH

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Considered one of the top young quarterbacks in the league... Gifted with a strong arm and the ability to make decisions on the run... Expected to take the Lions' passing game to new heights in 1994... Started seven games for the Miami Dolphins in 1993, passing for 12 touchdowns and 1,773 yards on 133-of-233 passing... Starting quarterback for the Orlando Thunder of the World League in 1992... Originally a fourth round draft pick of the Dolphins in 1990... Signed as an unrestricted free agent by the Lions in 1994.

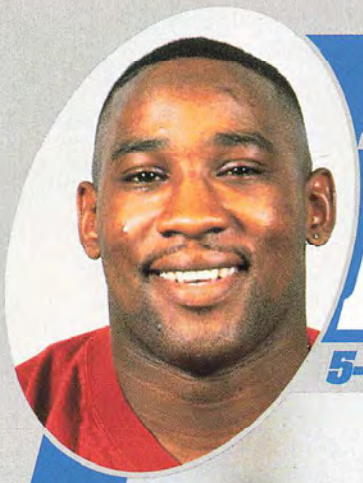
QUARTERBACK

MIKE JOHNSON 51

6-2... 230 LBS... 9TH YEAR... VIRGINIA TECH

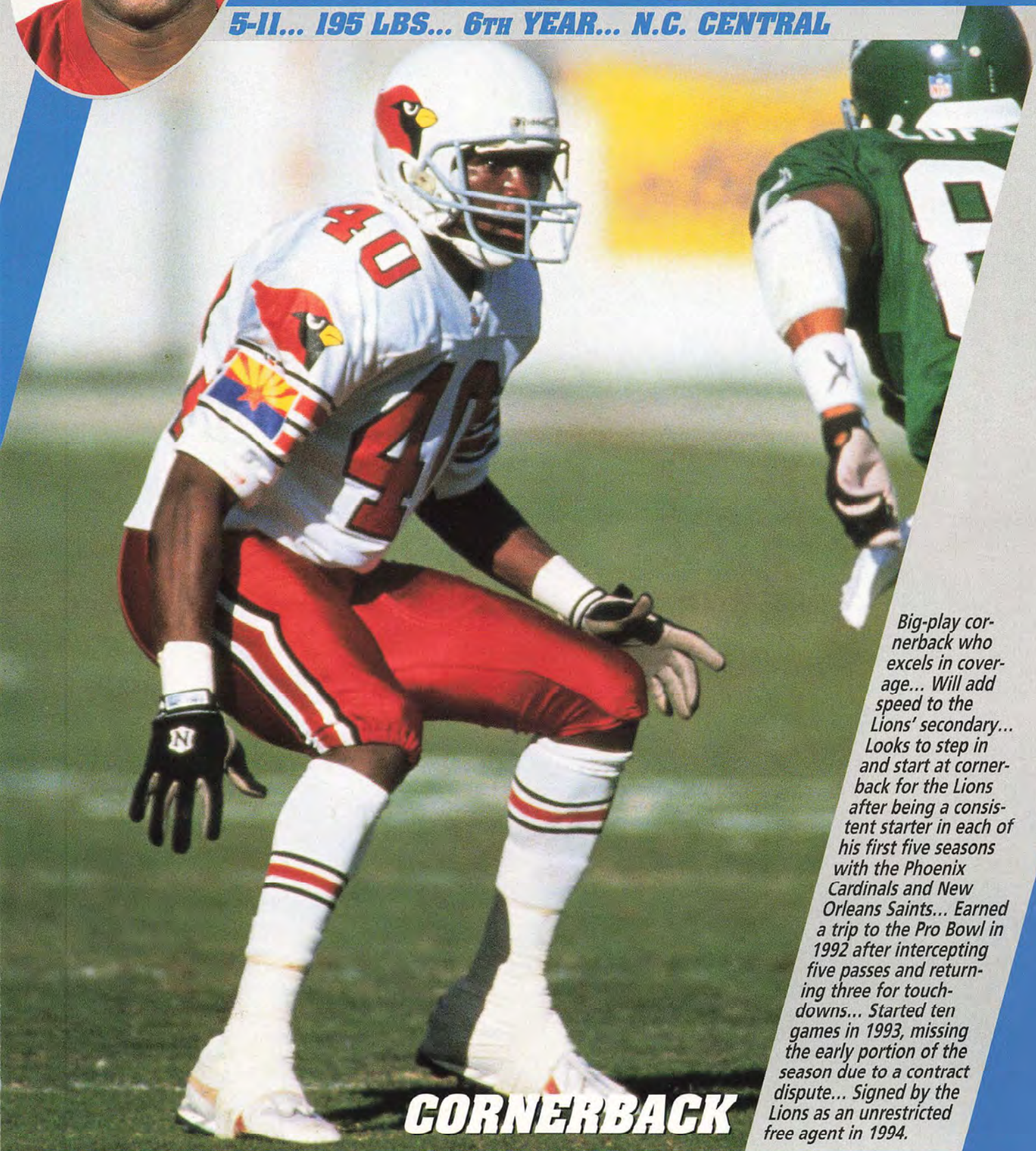
Hard-nosed defender known for his quickness and knack for getting to the ball... Led the AFC in tackles in 1993 with a career high 181 stops while starting all 16 games for the Cleveland Browns ...Also contributed four quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and one interception in '93... Two-time Pro Bowl performer (1989-90)... Played with the USFL's Philadelphia/ Baltimore Stars in 1984 and '85 before signing with the Browns in 1986... Came to the Lions in 1994 as an unrestricted free agent.

LINEBACKER



ROBERT MASSEY 40

5-11... 195 LBS... 6TH YEAR... N.C. CENTRAL

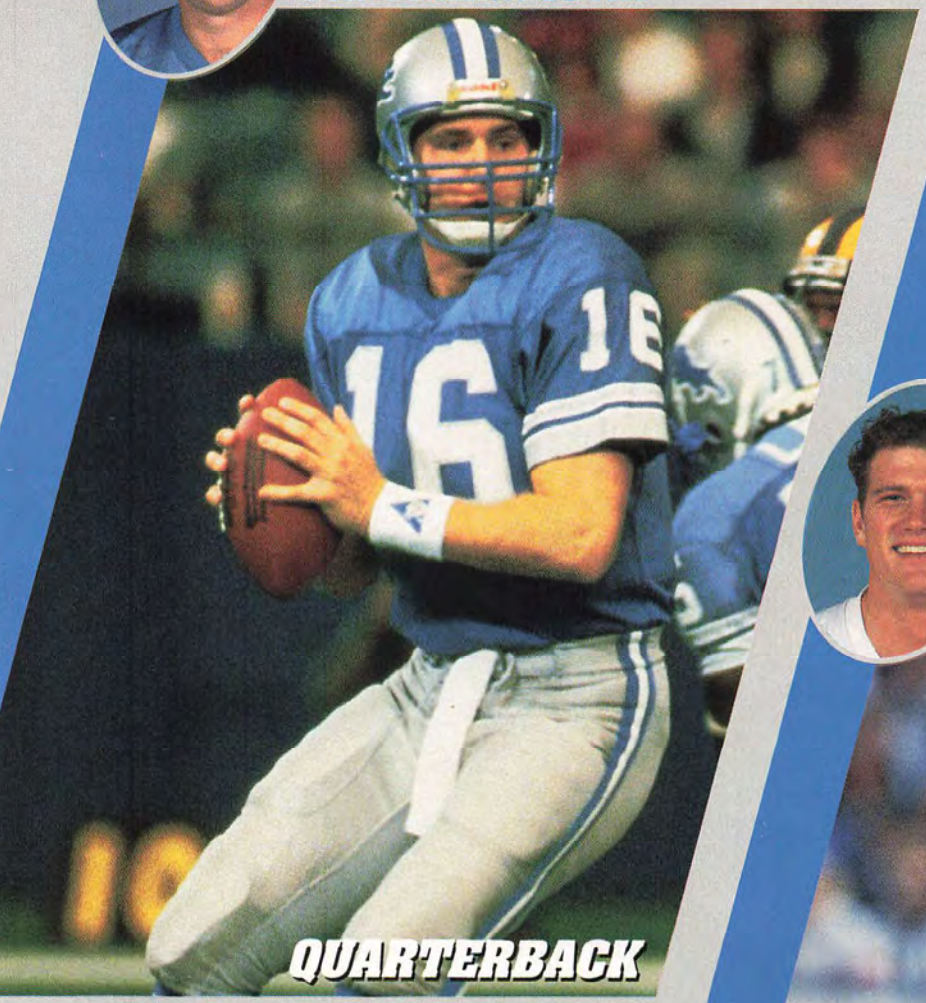


CORNERBACK

Big-play cornerback who excels in coverage... Will add speed to the Lions' secondary... Looks to step in and start at cornerback for the Lions after being a consistent starter in each of his first five seasons with the Phoenix Cardinals and New Orleans Saints... Earned a trip to the Pro Bowl in 1992 after intercepting five passes and returning three for touchdowns... Started ten games in 1993, missing the early portion of the season due to a contract dispute... Signed by the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.

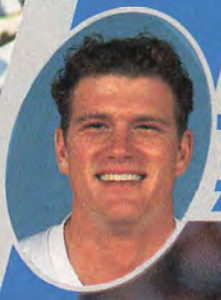
CHUCK LONG 16

6-4... 217 LBS...
8TH YEAR... IOWA



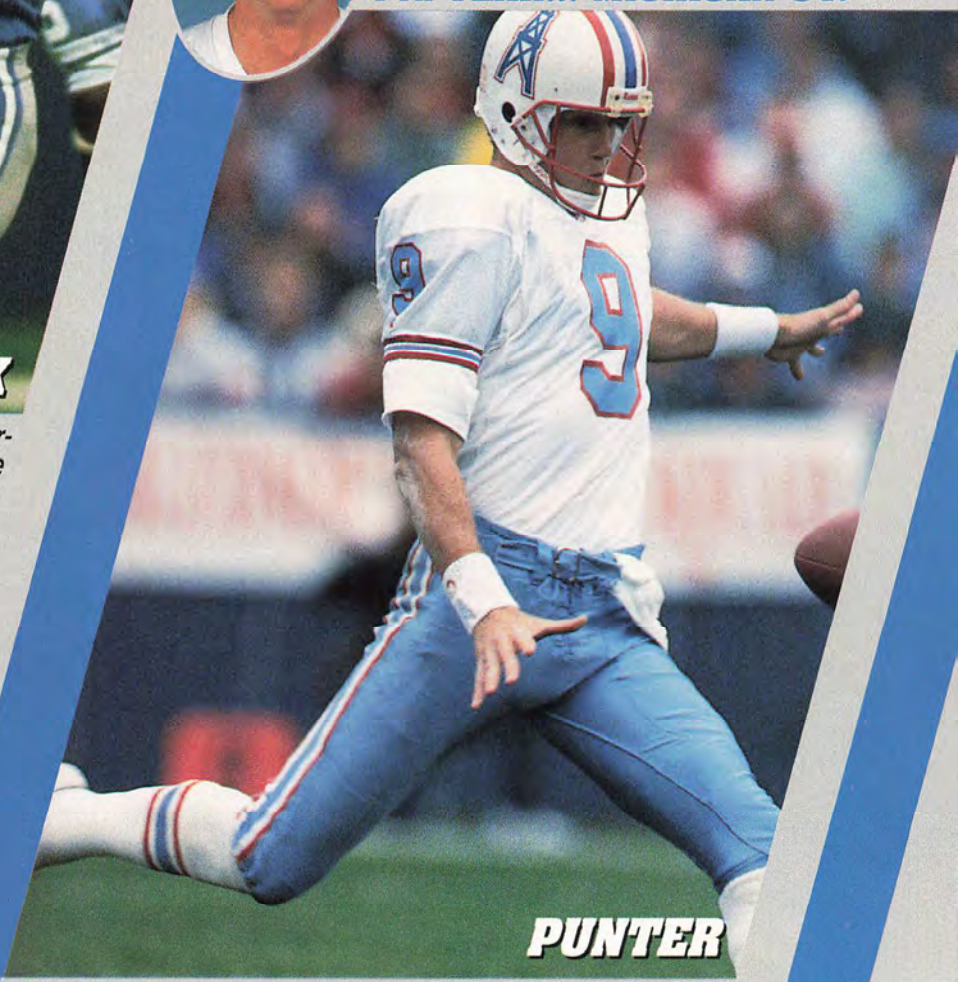
QUARTERBACK

Accurate passer who will add depth at the quarterback position for the Lions after rejoining the team during the offseason ...Sat out the 1993 season after being cut by Detroit late in training camp... Has valuable experience as a starter, including a splendid campaign in 1987 when he passed for 2,598 yards on 232-of-416 passing... Tied a team-record with 33 completions against Green Bay in 1987... Originally a first round draft choice by the Lions in 1986... Traded by Detroit to the Rams in 1990... Re-signed by the Lions at the mid-point of the 1991 season.



GREG MONTGOMERY 9

6-4... 215 LBS...
7TH YEAR... MICHIGAN ST.

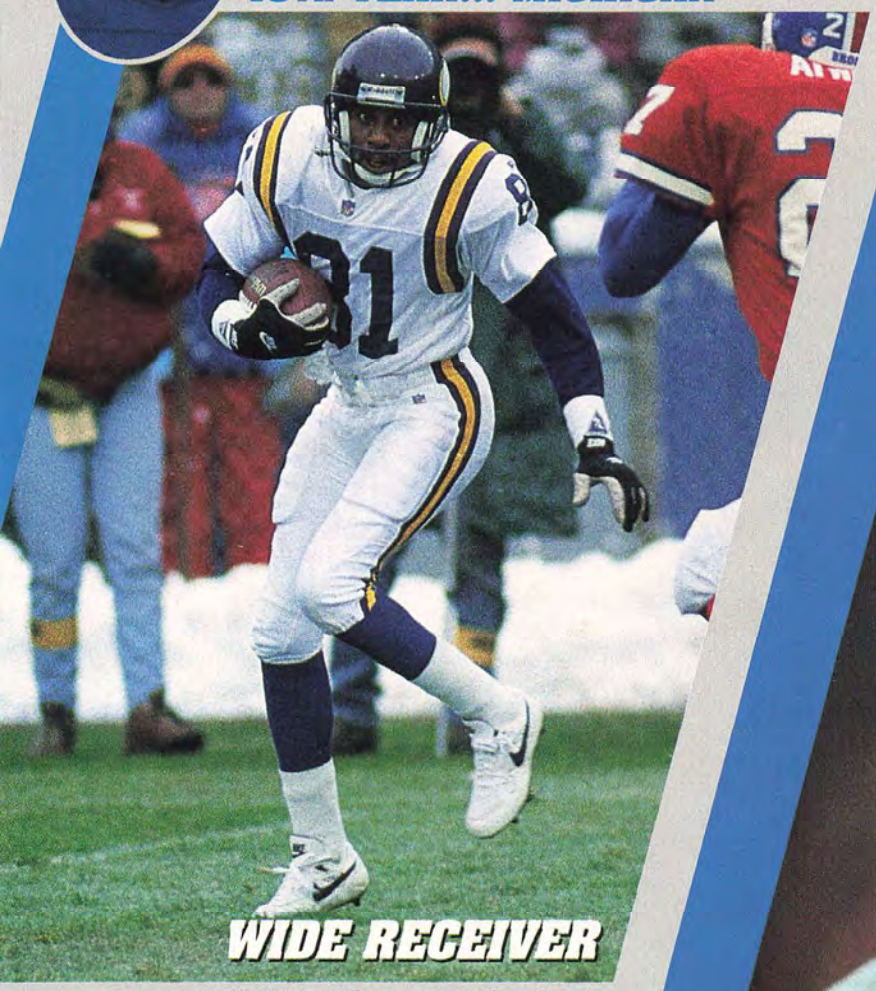


PUNTER

One of the finest punters in the game... Led the NFL in punting in 1992 and '93 earning him his first Pro Bowl nomination in '93 and was named to the Associated Press' All-Pro First Team... Established his career-high with a 46.9 yard average in 1992... Booted a career-long 77-yarder , the longest punt in the NFL in 1993... Signed by the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.

ANTHONY CARTER 86

5-11... 181 LBS... 10TH YEAR... MICHIGAN

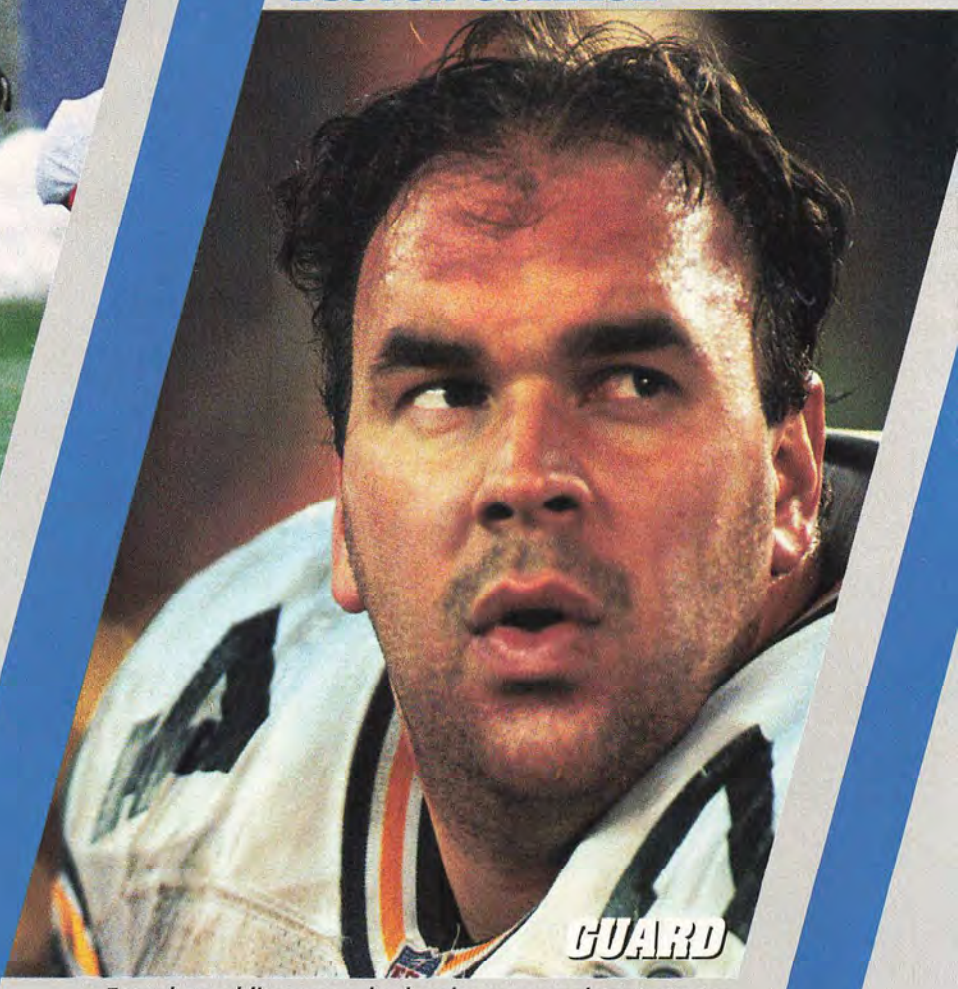


WIDE RECEIVER

Dynamic receiver with great acceleration in the open field... Played nine seasons with the Minnesota Vikings where he established Viking records with 7,635 yards and 52 touchdown catches on 478 receptions... Caught 60 passes for 774 yards in 1993... Best season was in 1988 when he grabbed 72 passes for 1,225 yards... Prior to joining the Vikings, played in the USFL for three seasons, including the 1983 season with the USFL Champion Michigan Panthers ...Signed by the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.

DOUG WIDELL 67

6-4... 280 LBS... 6TH YEAR... BOSTON COLLEGE



GUARD

Experienced lineman who has been a consistent starter throughout his career... Expected to compete for starting guard position with Detroit in 1994... Started 58 consecutive games with the Denver Broncos (1989-92)... Traded to the Green Bay Packers during the 1993 training camp... Started nine games at left guard for the Packers, including the final eight regular season contests, as well as Green Bay's playoff games at Detroit and Dallas... Joined the Lions as an unrestricted free agent in 1994.

DETROIT LIONS FREE AGENTS

ERNIE BROWN 70
6-2... 260 LBS...
ROOKIE... SYRACUSE
DEFENSIVE END

LEONARD BURTON 68
6-3... 275 LBS...
8TH YEAR... S. CAROLINA
CENTER

ERIC GREEN 18
5-10... 170 LBS... ROOKIE...
ILLINOIS BENEDICTINE
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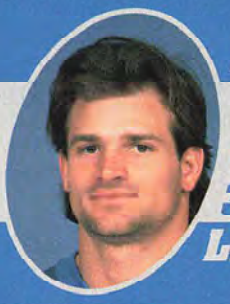
JASON JONES 61
6-3... 282 LBS...
ROOKIE... HAMPTON INST.
GUARD

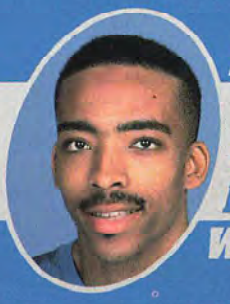


SCOTT KOWALKOWSKI 52
6-2... 228 LBS...
3RD YEAR... NOTRE DAME
LINEBACKER

KYLE MOORE 69
6-3... 250 LBS...
1ST YEAR... KANSAS
DEFENSIVE END

RICKY POWERS 34
6-0... 205 LBS...
ROOKIE... MICHIGAN
RUNNING BACK

RAY ROBERTS 48
6-2... 251 LBS...
ROOKIE... N. ILLINOIS
TIGHT END



LARRY RYANS 42
5-11... 182 LBS...
1ST YEAR... CLEMSON
WIDE RECEIVER

JAMES WILSON 64
6-3... 253 LBS...
ROOKIE... TENNESSEE
DEFENSIVE END

RICHARD WOODLEY 44
5-9... 180 LBS... ROOKIE...
TEXAS CHRISTIAN
WIDE RECEIVER

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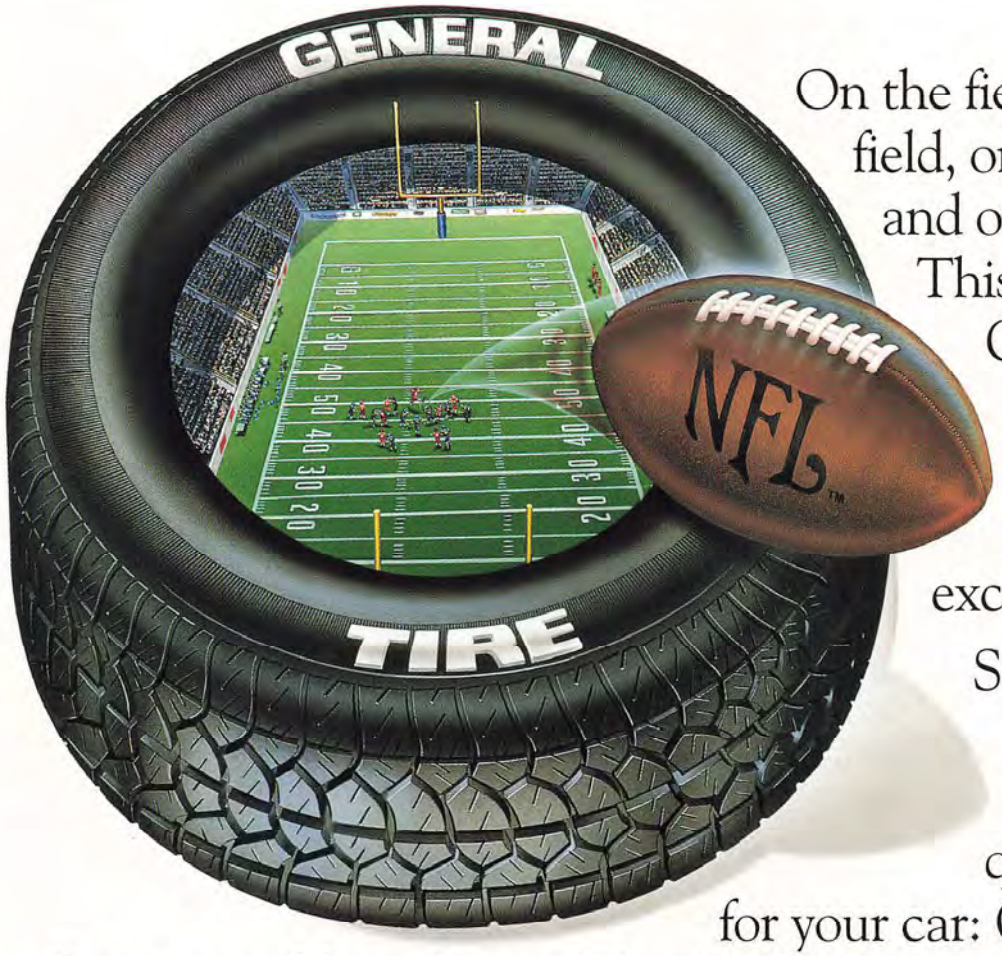

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5-11... 186 LBS...
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6-4... 260 LBS...
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VAUGHN BRYANT 24
5-9... 187 LBS...
D-4... STANFORD
CORNERBACK

TONY SEMPLE 62
6-4... 286 LBS...
D-5... MEMPHIS ST.
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5-10... 180 LBS...
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6-1... 237 LBS...
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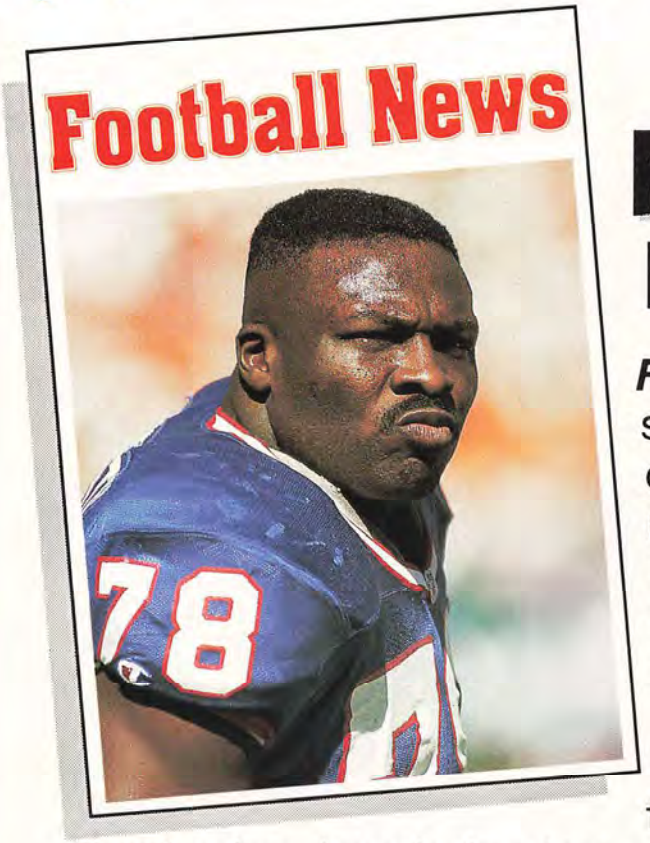

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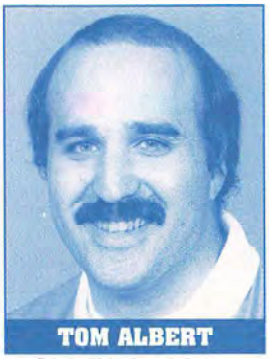

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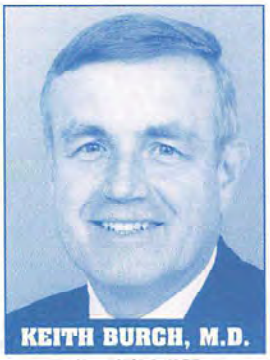

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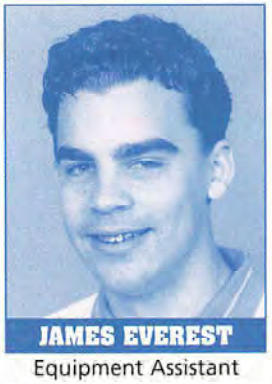

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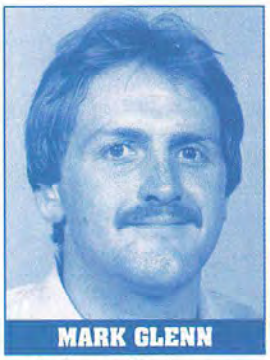

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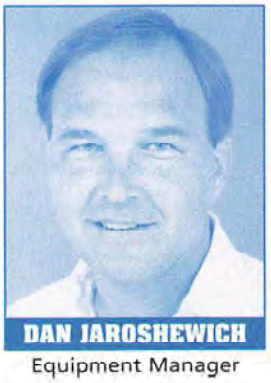

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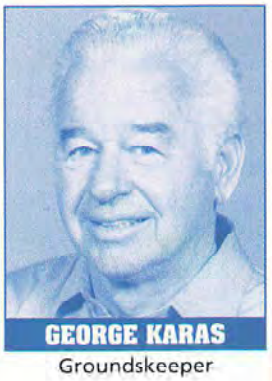

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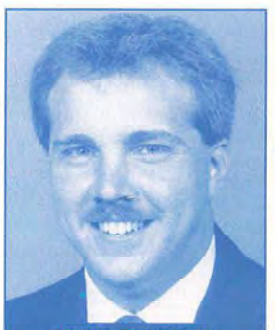

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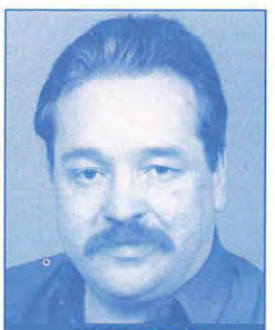

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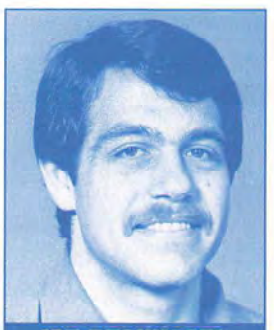

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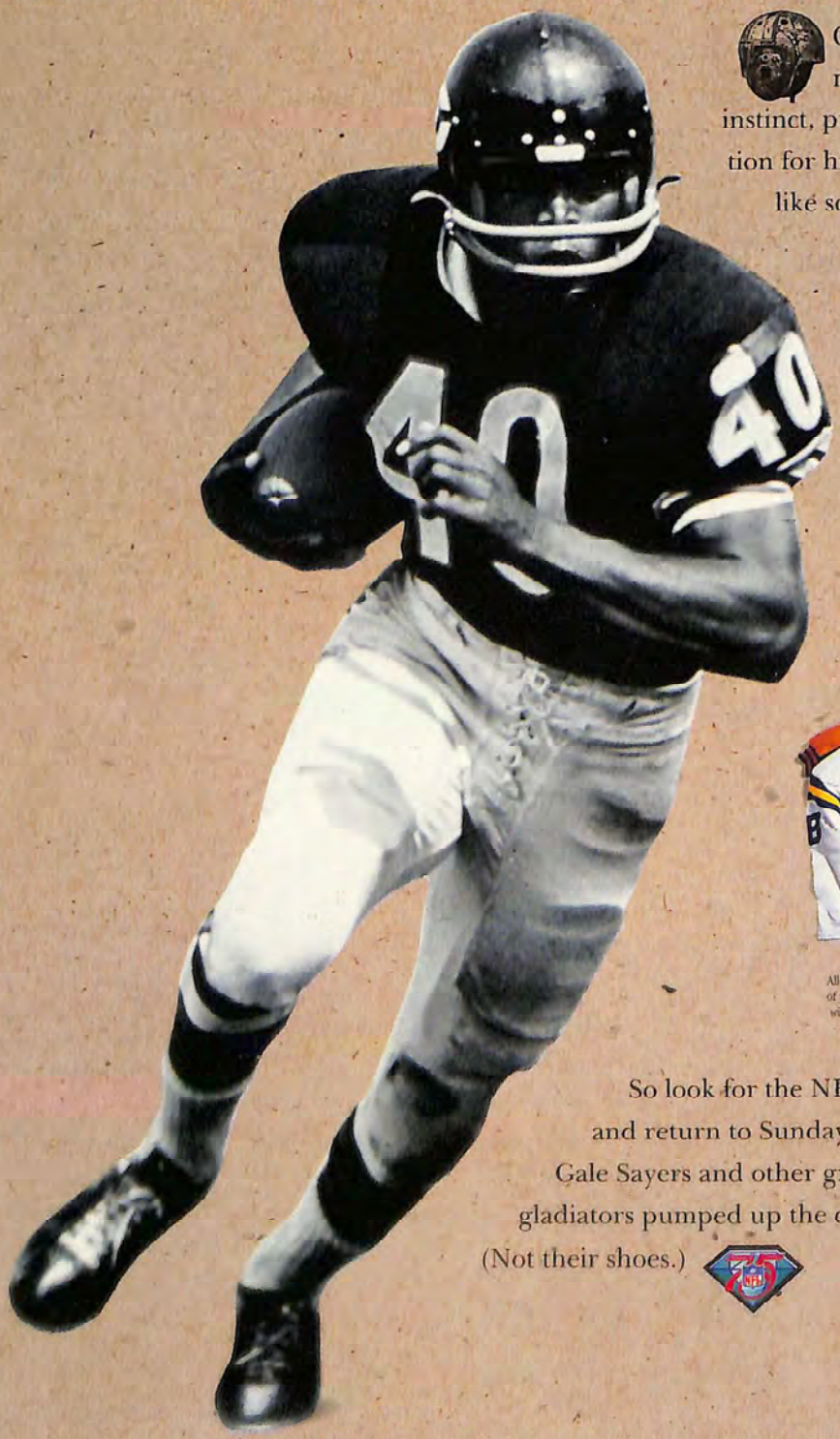

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